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E. H. Adams to Miss Baldwin Returning book, damaged - Lincoln Medal no date			
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"	" " "	unable to attend Saturday mtgs	Feb. 6, 1908

40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.,
Feb. 6, 1909.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Recording
Secretary, The American Numis-
matic Society, 156th St. West,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Belden:

Will you kindly change
my address to above instead of 240
W. 42d street, N.Y.C. May I also
ask that my name be properly
spelled in the list of members? In
last year's list it appeared "Edgar
"A", instead of "Edgar H."

With kind regards, I am,
Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams.

March 20, 1908

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I take pleasure in informing you that President
Buntington has appointed you Chairman of the Committee
on United States Coins, for the current year.

The other members of the Committee are Messrs.
James H. Ellsworth and Joseph C. Mitchellson.

Very truly yours

Recording Secretary.

November 22, 1909.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Mr. Poillon has informed me that you have expressed a willingness to contribute an article on the \$50.00 Gold Pattern Pieces-- their origin, including the original text of the bill presented by a senator from California, to the American Journal of Numismatics, should such an article be desired.

It would seem to me that such an article would be most interesting, and provided it has not been published elsewhere, we would be very glad to have it for the Journal.

Some work has already been done on the January number, I think however that we can get it in that number if you can give it to us soon and if you can let me know in the course of a few days about how much space it will require.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, with kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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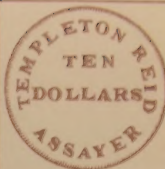
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Jan. 29, 1910.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden

American Numismatic Society,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Will you kindly inform me what steps it will be necessary for me to take in order to be transferred from the regular to the ^{associate} membership class? I do not desire regular membership, as the dues under the new constitution are too heavy. I have just said note fixation from Mr. Poyer that \$15 is due for the coming year. Thanking you for any courtesy, I

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams.

February 2, 1910.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your letter of January 29th is sufficient notification of your desire to change to an Associate Member, see Chapter III, Section 7, of the new By-Laws, and I have accordingly recorded the change in the Society's books.

With kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

Dear Miss Baldwin.

Your favor of recent date received.

I am sending by bearer two of the books, and, with your kind permission, will keep the Mint Reports a little while longer, as I am not quite through with them.

I regret very much that the cover of the Becker book has become damaged through use. I assure you that this has not been caused by careless handling, but the binding has been of such a nature that opening the covers has broken the top one. I would have had this rebound at one of our local binderies, and will still do so if you will allow me to keep it out a little while longer. Or I will gladly bear the expense of having it done by your binder, and trust you will allow me to do so, as it will make me feel much easier, as it is very embarrassing to return a borrowed book in a damaged condition.

I am making fine progress with all my numismatic work, and have recently sent to Mr. Wood what I regard as fine photographs of a set of excessively rare Canadian ^{taken} "that were recently picked up

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in Europe by Mr. H. C. Miller. Nothing about the
press is very exciting, yet they are unknown to Bréton,
the Canadian authority, and their illustration in our
Journal will show our Canadian friends that we are
"on the job" in the way of keeping up to date on all
matters pertaining to American numismatics. I have just
made what I regard as a fine photograph of the large
Siegel medal of Lincoln, issued by the Am. U.S., of which
but 16 specimens are said to exist. It is quite hand-
some, and, so far as I know, a good illustration of
the medal has never appeared in the Journal. If the
idea meets your approval, I will give it to the J.
with such data as I can pick up. This medal was
minted by Wyon to 10 and 22_x

Trusting that you are enjoying this fine Summer
weather, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Edgar H. Adams.

July 28, 1910.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
42 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your letter to Miss Baldwin, and the two books, arrived just after she had started on her vacation. I would have written sooner, but I expected to see you at the last meeting of the Numismatic Club and thought I could talk instead of writing, I was informed there that you would be out of town for some days, and so did not hurry to write.

As to the book with a broken cover, I expect to have a lot of binding done before very long, and I will have it fixed at the same time, and, if it would contribute in a large way to your happiness, I will let you know what it costs, though I assure you I understand how these bindings go to pieces if you look hard at them, and do not attribute any carelessness to you.

As to the Lincoln medal, by Sigel, issued by this Society many years ago, - a fine illustration and very full descriptive account of it were published in the Society's Proceedings in 1892, the reductions by Wyon were in three sizes, one

very small, there were two sets of dies, both of which we have here, there is a difference in the inscription, and while medals are supposed to have been struck from each, all that I have ever seen are from the same die, I would suggest that you look over what we have here before getting up any thing for the Journal regarding this medal, I would be glad to tell you all that I know on the subject at the first opportunity.

I am hoping to have the next number of the Journal out very soon, I have not heard from Dr. Marvin for some time and so do not know just how soon it will be.

Hoping to see you here before long, and with kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



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Nov. 19, 1910.

Mr. William L. Belden,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Your favor of Jan. 15, 1910, is duly received. I am very glad to hear that you are interested in the history of the gold coins of the United States, and will soon receive the book. I am sure you will find it very interesting, which was a very enjoyable one, and attended by a good many members of the club. Of course I know you are much interested in the outcome of the gold coin question. I sincerely trust the society will be able to get together a satisfactory collection of gold coins, which will be a great help to the gold coin collectors. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams.



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Dec. 7, 1910.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,

West 156th Street & Broadway,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Your letter just received. Yesterday I forwarded the State Assay Office MS. to Mr. Wood. I regret that I have no illustrations for the same, but there are none available. The only Kohler ingots in the possession of a private collector so far as I know are two in the collection of Mr. Brand of Chicago. The third is in the collection of the Society of Pioneers, now on exhibition in the San Francisco Mint. The latter piece, of \$50 denomination, is really the pioneer fifty-dollar slug, and would be very interesting to illustrate if possible to get a cast or photograph of it. I have tried several times, but without success, WWWW If Mr. Brand would furnish WWWW wax casts of the pieces owned by him, I would be glad to WWW photograph them. One of his pieces is the only WWW known issue of the branch of the Assay Office located at Sacramento.

I have wanted to pay the society's building a visit, but have been prevented, as I have a number of things in preparation. Hoping to see you soon, and wishing you success in your endeavor to get illustrations, I am, Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams.

May 11th, 1911.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,

40 Fourth Avenue,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:

If you happen to be in the neighborhood of a convenient telephone tomorrow, will you kindly call me up and let me know if you expect to be at the Numismatic Club meeting tomorrow night. I am planning to go over to Boston on one of the evening trains, and I am very anxious to see you before I go, and if you expect to be at the meeting I will if possible drop in for a while.

Very sincerely yours,

July 21, 1911.

Mr. J. B. Jones,
100 North Street,
Boston, Mass.
Dear Mr. Jones:

The people in Boston are crying for those illustrations, how are you getting on with them? I have communicated with Consuetudo regarding casts of the illustrations.

When the illustrations are done, will you send them to me? I will be glad to see them, or will meet you at the list, or in the city.

I am sure that the illustrations, will be in the city, and after the first of the year, will be on hand most of the time.

Very respectfully,
J. B. Jones,

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1852. \$50. Zabriskie No. 361. - 0
1852. \$20. Zabriskie No. 363. - 0 + R

Edgar H. Kline

Atlantic City,

171 Ocean av.,

July 26, 1911.

Dear Mr. Belden:

your favor received.

I have been here for several weeks on my vacation, and expect to remain for some time yet. I have been waiting for you to take up the matter with Dr. Connerette. If you will arrange with him, I can meet you in Philadelphia at the Mint, and can take the wax impressions needed to illustrate the Moffat article. I would

prefer to make the ²appointment
within the evening ten days.

Please let me know what
arrangement would suit you
soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,
E. H. Adams.

July 25, 1911.

Mr. J. W. Miller,

151 Madison Avenue,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Miller:

I have your letter of yesterday, and am very sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the results of the first examination of the fossils from the Cretaceous of the West.

I am sure that you will find the results of the second examination of the fossils from the Cretaceous of the West to be very satisfactory.

Very respectfully yours,

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Very sincerely yours,

August 5th, 1911.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter, that I have just sent to you at Atlantic City, which explains itself.

Very sincerely yours,

August 14th, 1911.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I was sorry I could not get over to the Jurisprudence Club
meeting last night, but hope to have better luck next time.

We have had quite a large collection presented to us
which contains among other things a number of War Time Tokens, Civil
War Tokens and Store Cards, which you might like to look over the next
time you are up here.

Hoping to see you soon, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

March 17th, 1881.

Mr. Wm. H. Allen,

11 Murray Street,

New York.

My dear Mr. Allen:-

I am sorry to hear that you have been ill, but I hope that you will be able to get on your feet again. It strikes me that you have been very much of a sufferer from the weather.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Allen,

*Let me know what you think of the
costs.*

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Aug. 21, 1911.

Dear Mr. Belden:

The letter and casts received. The
casts are certainly very fine, for which we are
all to be congratulated. I am sending them to-
day to Wood. These ought to make a very
good plate, but I would have liked one of the
\$50 pieces of the U.S. Assay Office of Gold, dated
1852. However these coins ought to make a very
satisfactory plate.

Don't forget the item in next Journal
thanking the Mint authorities and Dr. Compagnotte. It
is certainly very satisfying, to have such prompt
response to your request. Think I'll have to go over
to the mint and take some lessons in the art of
making casts.

Sincerely,

E. H. Adams.

August 11, 1911.

My dear Mr. Gregory:-

I have just heard from Mr. Gregory, and we will be glad to hear from you at any time in the future. I would be glad therefore if you could let us know just what varieties of plants you have, and you might also send us a list of the other plants you have growing in your garden. I will be glad to hear from you at any time.

I am very glad to hear from you, and I will be glad to hear from you at any time. I will be glad to hear from you at any time.

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Very truly yours,

October 6th, 1811.

My dear Mr. Gregory:

I saw Mr. Gregory last evening, and he promised to go down and dig out the gold coins as soon as he can. I do not know just how soon that will be, but I hope it will be very soon, and he will bring them up here, and as soon as I know just when I will have them, I will let you know. I think he will be able to give us most of the slugs, that we want, excepting, of course, the Kellogg, which he has not, and there may possibly be one other variety, that he lacks. I left him your list, and also said that it would be a good scheme to let us have any slugs, that he has, excepting the three illustrated ~~ed~~ and the three mentioned, which are: 1. A very rare variety of the ten dollar piece with a smaller head, which, I suppose, you saw at Mount. St. Helens. I have not seen one since. I am, however, rather doubtful as to whether it was of the gold or silver, and looking over the plates and descriptions with this form before me, I find that it is, in fact, in the description for identification on the plate given as 100 (C), while the piece illustrated is 10. I do not remember (since the description as 100 (C). Do you want to see any picture of this difference in the inscription, and if so, would you like to buy the 100 (C) piece to illustrate because he can let us have it if we will it. In spite of various die varieties, but as you are not describing the varieties of course you

to get want to illustrate that. He asked me if credit was to be given for
the plates loaned for illustration, and I told him that it should be done,
which I think you informed me was your intention.

Have you heard yet of any Kellogg fifty, that can be ob-
tained for illustration? I suppose there is one in the ^{collection} that Henry
Shuman is going to sell, and if there is, is there any way we can get an
increase of it? I would feel a good deal disappointed if we could not
illustrate that as it is one of the very important pieces.

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Dear Mr. Bell:

Gregory will soon be able to let you have the coins.

Let notice the discrepancy between the written description and the illustration of the coin. To tell the truth, this is the first I have learned that there were

they should be illustrated. They are important. I am interested in the

in time would like to see the illustration of the other
variety of fifty dollar piece that was omitted, and which will be
at the beginning of the 3d section.

pieces?

Sincerely yours, E. H. Adams.

Of course I will be glad to give Mr. Gregory credit for
the loan of his pieces for illustration.

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Oct. 20, 1911.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I would suggest that the following names be added to
your list:

J. W. HASELTINE, 29 So. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

J. W. SCOTT, 36 John St., New York City.

H. E. MOREY, 41 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

STEVENS & CO., 69 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams.

P. S.—The casts turned out in fine shape. Will photograph
them in a day or two. The pattern pieces arrived from S. F., and I have
made casts from them. They are very important additions.

November 24th, 1911.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just received a letter from Dr. Conradi of
the following, is an extract:-

"It is with deep regret that I must inform you that I
am unable to give you the casts you desired. The Superintendent's office
refused them to be made, as I assure you, not apparently without taking
into account the statement that presents the distortions of the improving
position. I have refused to send them, on the ground that it is 'sensitive
matter,' and is the subject of a report."

It would appear from this that the only way to get these
casts is to go after them. Conradi has gone out to Chicago, but will be
back in a few days. I will ask him to let me know as soon as he
gets back, and will advise you promptly.

Very sincerely yours,

October 10, 1941.

Dear Mr. [unclear]:

I have just received the letter from Corcoran, and have
been very glad to hear that the [unclear] will reach you safely, and as
[unclear].

It was very kind of you to write to me, and I am
very glad to hear that you are well. I hope you will
continue to be so, and I hope you will continue to
write to me. I am very glad to hear that you are
well, and I hope you will continue to be so.

Very truly yours,

January 24th, 1912.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just received from the Illinois Press, the obverse of your illustration of a letter dated five earlier years, and the reverse of a letter dated 1841. The obverse is very interesting, and the reverse is very interesting. The obverse is very interesting, and the reverse is very interesting. The obverse is very interesting, and the reverse is very interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Jan. 27, 1912.

Dear Mr. Pelden:

Copies of the 24th received. The token, of which you
inclose, is a very common one, and has no value.

Sincerely yours,

February 5th, 1912.

Dear Mr. [Name],

I am sorry to hear

that you are ill.

I hope you will

be able to get up soon.

I hope you have not forgotten that this
is the last of the year, and that we will be open this evening.

I am sorry to hear that you are ill, and I hope you will be able to talk to you regarding something concerning

with our next meeting, February 17th, and it is necessary to settle
the next couple of days, so I hope you will be able to get around
this evening.

Very sincerely,
[Signature]

February 10th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a few complimentary cards to the meeting on Saturday. If you want any more, kindly let me know.

If you think of any people, who would be likely to bring me anything for exhibition, I would be glad if you would give them a little reminder.

Very sincerely yours,

February 14th, 1912.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I have written to Compagnette to the effect that we will be at the Vint shortly after ten o'clock next Monday, February 20th, providing that will be convenient to him, and I will let you know as soon as I hear from him.

I told Chapman that we would be over at that time, and he promises to have the railroad cars ready for us, and he has invited us to take lunch with six other people at half past one. I told him we would do that to do so if we could get away from the Vint in time, and we would telegraph him in the course of the morning from the Vint. There were a couple of other cars, that you needed, regarding which we spoke to Chapman. If you will let us know what they are, I will send a line to him and remind him of them. I believe he said he might be able to scare them up for us. Also don't forget to let us have the date of the death of Mr. Charles Morris.

Will you kindly send a sample number of the Antiracistist to Mr. WILLIAM F. CHAPMAN, JR., 212 Fifth Avenue, New York. I think it is probable that Mr. Field will want to subscribe to it.

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February 21st, 1888.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just received a letter from Comperette, of which I enclose a copy. I have already written to the Director of the Mint, and hope to hear a reply in a few days, so that we can carry out our original plan as far as possible. I think I am sure it will be well to put it off until I hear. I will write you again as I get on, soon.

I believe the only thing is, that you and I have not yet decided upon the subject of the book, and that it would be better not to put it off until you have talked over the matter with Mr. Adams. You could certainly write a notice for the Director of the Mint in connection with the patterns for publication in a book that you are preparing, but in any event it would be well to have a talk with Comperette before you do anything with that.

I have just received your letter of February 20th, and am much obliged for the things that it contains. I will write to Charles regarding the \$50.00 and \$10.00 Wess, Wolter & Co. pieces.

Very sincerely yours,

The Numismatist

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

40 FOURTH AVENUE

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

March 1, 1912.

Dear Mr. Helden:

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time.

I am, however, sure that you will be satisfied with the result of the action taken by the Association.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams

March 2nd, 1912.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just received your letter of March 1st and the check application for Dr. Cornarelli, which I have signed and return as requested.

It is very kind of you that you write me about this. I suppose you are the one that is interested in the matter.

I wrote to Mr. Macvic yesterday explaining our plan for the articles in the next numbers of this year and the distribution of the plates.

It is so long to see you before very long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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March 7, 1912.

Dear Mr. Elden:

I am enclosing a letter of thanks to those who loaned us coins for
illustrating the pioneer gold articles.

If you can add to this in any way I would like you to do so.

Am sending it to you so that you can look it over before sending
to Dr. Marvin.

Please understand that I am not tender, and if you can alter to
advantage please do not hesitate to do so.

Trusting to see you at the meeting to-morrow night, I am, with
kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams

March 16th, 1911.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a few cards for the meeting of March 18th. Should you know of any one interested in this subject, who might like to attend, I would be glad to hear from you about them.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

We have been able to present illustrations of a
majority of the California private gold pieces through the courtesy
that has been extended to us. Our chief ~~illustrations~~ aid has been derived
from the splendid collection of pioneer gold coins in the possession of the
Philadelphia Mint. The Director of the Mint has been especially active in
affording all possible assistance, and this opportunity is taken to thank
him. Dr. T. L. Comgreve, the ~~illustrations~~ Curator of the Mint, took as
much interest in seeing that everything needed was obtained as if the illus-
trations had been intended for a publication of the United States, and
are ~~mainly~~ mainly sensible of the many courtesies he has shown. Next to the Govern-
ment, we are most indebted to Charles Gregory of New York, who ~~has~~ placed
his ~~entire~~ entire and comprehensive gold collection at the disposal of those
who prepared the illustrations. Without his valuable aid we would have been
compelled to omit the ~~illustrations~~ of many important pieces, the chief of
which was the five-dollar piece issued by Darr & Co. ^{7th St.} S. H. ^{9th St.} ~~Charles~~ ~~Gregory~~
it possible for us to reproduce the Kellogg & Co. circular \$50 piece, the
rarest and most highly valued of all the pieces of that denomination struck
by private persons, and placed at our ~~illustrations~~ service one of the very
best specimens of that rarity extant. We take this opportunity to
sincerely thank the above named gentlemen for the
many courtesies shown us.

May 1st, 1912.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the application of Mr. James A. Hamilton-Burke
for membership in the Maritime Association together with the check for
three dollars. Will you kindly get your time or take and send it to the
proper party.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

May 1st, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

Was recently handed to your fifteenth plate of Low Tokens the other day, and I have just been looking over the set of plates, and I find on plate IV is No. 34 and on plate XV is an entirely different piece marked 34. Why is this thus?

I suppose when you get the remainder of the missing numbers that you will get up a sixteenth plate. Is this so, and what is the prospect for it?

I notice in our set a couple of numbers that are not on your plates.

I understand that I owe you thirty five cents for the last plate. If you will receive it of it when you come up here next Monday evening, I will give it to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

May 2, 1912.

My dear Mr. Belden:

Your favor of the 1st received. In regard to the H. T. plate, no. 36 on Plate IV. should be no. 120. The mistake is mine.

I will be glad to see the tokens you mention which are sent in the plates, as I am anxious to complete the series. I would like to complete the sixteenth plate, but I am afraid won't be able to do so for some time, as I cannot get a trace of some of the pieces.

I will be glad to see you at the meeting next Monday, at which I expect to be present, and talk things over.

Thanks very much for the application of Mr. Haughton-Burke, which I will be glad to sign and forward with other applications in a day or so, and which will be posted in June number.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams.

May 29th, 1912.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a typewritten copy of a paragraph that appeared in the Italian newspaper "il progresso Americano" a short time ago. The date of the paper I was unable to obtain. Also a translation of the article. I do not know whether it is anything that would be of use to you in the *Kumismatist* or not, but send it as a curious yarn.

Very truly yours,

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Yours sincerely, Yours,

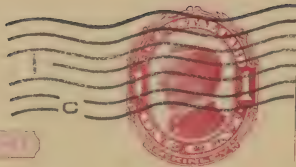
June 6, 1912!!

Dear Mr. Belden.

Thanks for your
recent favor with inclos-
ure. I promise myself
the pleasure of a visit
to you in the very near
future.

With kindest regards

J. H. Adams.



Mr. Bauman L. Belden
Am. Numismatic Society,
715 6th Avenue
New York

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40 FOURTH AVENUE

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

July 2, 1912

My Dear Mr. Belden:

Will you kindly pass me with
a copy of the Journal of January, 1878, the
one containing a fac simile of the playbill of
Ricketts Circus.

I want to publish an account
of the Circus, as taken from the Journal in the
Numismatist for August if I can.

Thanking you in advance for
the favor, I am,

Sincerely yours,
E. H. Adams.

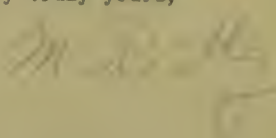
July 9th, 1912.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 2nd was duly received.
As Mr. Pelden is at present away, he will communicate
with you regarding the Journal of January 1878 when he
gets back.

Very truly yours,



July 18th, 1912.

Mr. A. W. Allen,
40 E. 12th Avenue,
Berkeley, Cal.
My dear Mr. Allen:

I enclose herewith a page cut from the North China Herald of May 4th 1912, which contains a paragraph regarding the proposed coins of the Republic of China. It occurred to me that this might be an interesting paragraph to the Commission. I could not find it for some time in the original paper but your friend Mr. Allen, who is in the habit of clipping things of this kind,

Very truly yours,

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40 FOURTH AVENUE

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

July 13, 1912.

My dear Mr. Belden:

Both of your letters HUNTER received, and also the copy
of the Journal, for which please accept my thanks.

I also wish to thank you for the clipping regarding the
Chinese coin. I am returning in this letter.

Will return the copy of Journal, as requested, soon as
cut is made.

Hoping to see you soon in person, I am, with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

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40 FOURTH AVENUE

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

July 22, 1912.

My dear Mr. Belden:

Inclosed please find a medal which Mr. R. H. McLachlan has requested me to turn over to you.

I am also sending under separate cover the 1878 copy of the Journal, for which I wish to thank you.

I have been very busy of late, and have not had ~~the~~ a chance to get up to see you which I greatly desire to do.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

July 25th, 1912.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I have received your letter of July 22nd with the medal from McLanahan, for which I am very much obliged. I have sent him an acknowledgment.

I was very sorry not to get to the last meeting of the Jurimetric Club, but I was away in the country, and could not get over to New York. I hope to be on hand next time.

With kind regards and hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you before long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

August 18th, 1912.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I expected to have seen you at the Numismatic Club meeting on Friday night, but some friends asked me to go on a fishing trip on Friday Afternoon, which lasted until last night, so I thought I would let the Numismatic Club get along without me as best it could.

We are busy in need of your next installment on Private Gold, as Dr. Marvin is getting the next number of the Journal in type, and we want to get it out as soon as possible as we have been very late with the last two. If I remember right you informed me that the installment of this number will be in the shape of an historical sketch, and will have no illustrations, and that the next number will contain the concluding article on the Mints of Oregon, Utah and Colorado.

I would be glad if you would drop me a line, and let me know when you will next call on Dr. Marvin.

I trust you will have time to get up here sometime before very long. I am still away a good deal, but expect to be here again on Saturday of this week.

Very truly yours,

September 28rd, 1912.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
40 Fourth Avenue,
Brooklyn.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just received a letter from Dr. Marvin in which he says that you are thinking of postponing the concluding number of your history on Private Gold Coins, which, as I understand it, is to contain coins of Utah, Oregon and Colorado. We were in hopes that we would have this for the fourth number of the current year, and for that purpose would want it sometime within the next three weeks. As you know there is a probability that there will be some change in the way the Journal will be published after this year. Just exactly what that may be I do not know as yet. It is possible that it may go on as it is, or it may be published as an annual instead of a quarterly, and whether there will be any change in the size of the pages is something that has not yet been decided. That being the case it would seem to be better if we could do so to have your papers on the Private Gold concluded in the current year. Of course, if you cannot get this ready why we will have to do the best we can, and in any event I would be glad to know as soon as possible just what we can do, because if you do not give us a paper for the next number we will split up the historical account and put a portion of it in the fourth number in place of the article on the other Mints.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Adams, E. H. 1913.

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447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Feb. 10, 1913.

Mr. Archer M. Huntington,
15 West 91st Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Huntington:

Mr. Woodin has agreed to accept your very kind offer to take two hundred copies of the book on United States railroad plates in consideration of a page being inserted announcing that the book has been published under the American Numismatic Society.

Please find inclosed a rough sketch of a page the give of our book which embodies, I believe, your suggestions in regard to it. Will you kindly look this over and make any alterations you may desire and return to me at your earliest convenience?

The first half of the book has been printed, and the remainder will be printed next week.

Respectfully yours,

Edgar H. Adams

January 28th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
c/o Mr. J. W. Stowell,
Federalsburg, Md.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I return the proof herewith, with a few corrections.

I enclose a little notice regarding Associate Members.

If you have room for it and it reaches you in time you might print it immediately after the Proceedings, as a separate paragraph - not part of the Proceedings.

I think this covers the ground as regards Associate Members.

Very sincerely yours,

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF
THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Chapter IV of the Society's By-Laws contains the following paragraph:

Associate Members shall have all the privileges of the Society except the right to vote and hold office.

Remarks and suggestions from Associate Members attending business meetings of the Society are most welcome, and it is hoped that they will bear in mind that they have the same rights as Members, with the exception noted in the By-Laws.

Samuel L. Helden
Secretary.

February 3rd, 1913.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
Editor, Numismatist,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed by the Council to inform you that this Society will subscribe to four hundred copies of the Numismatist, to be sent by you, postage paid, direct to each of its members on the issue of each monthly number, at an annual subscription price of one dollar each, to be paid monthly. The Society to have the right to cancel this subscription at any time, on two weeks notice.

All reports and announcements, printed under the head of Communications from the Society, in the Numismatist, shall be with the Society's seal, and in such form as the Council may approve.

It is understood that the Numismatist is the official organ of the American Numismatic Association, and is published in the interest of said Association and not of any faction of its members, and I am directed to inform you that in case the Numismatist should take part in any factional controversy either between the Association and any other organization, or between members of the Association, this Society will immediately cancel its subscription and cease to publish its reports in the Numismatist.

Kindly advise me of your acceptance of this condition subscription and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

February 28d, 1913.

Mr. W. H. Adams,
Editor, Numismatist,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed by the Council to inform you that this Society will subscribe to four hundred copies of the Numismatist, to be sent by you, postage paid, direct to each of its members on the issue of each monthly number, at an annual subscription price of one dollar each, to be paid monthly. The Society to have the right to cancel this subscription at any time, on two weeks notice.

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Kindly advise me of your acceptance of this condition of subscription, and greatly obliged,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

February 3rd, 1918.

Mr. W. W. News,
Editor, Yucristatist,
147A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

In the Yucristatist
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per u I am instructed by the Council to inform you that, in consideration of the publication in the Yucristatist of such reports of meetings and other announcements as the Society may wish to make, this Society will subscribe to four hundred copies of the Yucristatist, to be sent by you direct to each of its members on the issue of each monthly number, at an annual subscription of one dollar each, to be paid monthly. The Society to have the right to cancel this subscription at any time, on two weeks notice.

all the reports and announcements to be printed under the head of Communications from the Society, with the Society's seal, and in such form as the Council may approve.

It is understood that the Yucristatist is the official organ of the American Yucristic Association, and is published in the interest of said Association and not of any faction of its members, and I am directed to inform you that in case the Yucristatist should take part in any factional controversy either between the Association and any other organization, or between members of the Association, this Society will immediately cancel its subscription and cease to publish its reports in the Yucristatist.

Kindly advise me of your acceptance of this conditional subscription and promptly advise,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

February 5th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar W. Adams,
447 State Street,
Cambridge, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in informing you that the Governors have appointed you a member of the Committee on United States Coins, of which Mr. William B. Woodin, 165 Broadway, New York, is chairman, and Mr. Daniel C. Davis, Inc., 12 West 16th Street, New York, are other members. I believe that this will be acceptable to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

February 5th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I take pleasure in informing you that the Governors have appointed you a member of the Committee on Publication, of which Mr. Charles T. Davis, 50 Broadway, New York, is chairman, and Mr. William B. Osgood Esq., 415 Fifth Avenue, New York, Mr. Archer W. Huntington, 108 Fifth Avenue, New York, and Mr. Roland Wood, 62 Perry Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, are the other members.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, I am,
Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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447A STATE STREET

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Feb. 8, 1913.

Dear Mr. Welden:

The letter of Feb. 3d, in which you define the conditions under which you will subscribe for 400 copies monthly of the Numismatist has been received and its contents carefully considered.

They are quite satisfactory, and I herewith accept them.

Respectfully yours

Edgar H. Adams

P. S.--I have mailed to-day the February Numismatist. I find that there are just 200 of your members--that is, with those names designated which already receive our magazine. Therefore of the 400 ~~subscriptions~~ there are due you 100 unmailed copies, which I am forwarding in the same mail.

I am inclosing a bill for this month's subscription, which I believe will make everything perfectly clear.

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447A STATE STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Feb. 1, 1915

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The notification of my appointment to the Committee on United States Coins and Publication has just reached me.

I will be very glad to serve upon these committees.

Respectfully yours,

E. H. Adams

February 20th, 1912.

M. F. H. Adams,
447 4 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I will try and get up the report for our last meeting tomorrow so that you will have it in time for the March Numismatist. I would have sent it before this, but have been unavoidably delayed.

I have a nice little package in my office containing the Society's Proceedings from 1887 to 1907, and on the outside of that package is the name of M. F. Adams. When the gentleman in question next comes up he can get the package provided he is sufficiently polite to the distinguished director of the Institution.

Very sincerely yours,

March 19, 1911

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Please note the following changes of address:-

Corresponding Member, Rev. Dr. Foster Ely, from Ridgefield, Connecticut,

to 120 Pleasant Street, Stirling, Connecticut.

Annual " Mr. Howland Wood, from 92 Perry Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, to c/o The American Numismatic Society, 156th Street, west of Broadway, New York.

Associate " Mrs. William J. Puzby, from 539 West 156th Street, New York, to Maxwell Motor Company, Detroit, Michigan.

New Members

Associate " Department of Coins, British Museum, London, England.
Dr. Malcolm Storer, 302 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Members who resigned.

Annual " Mr. Edward R. Smith, The Avery Library, Columbia University, New York.

" " Mr. Isaac H. Cary, 23 Pierrepont Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

" " Mr. Frank C. Higgins, The Edgerere, 5 West 104th Street, New York.

Members who have died.

Honorary " Dr. W. T. R. Varvin, 73 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Life " Mr. Juan Ceballos, 28 East 63rd Street, New York.

Very truly yours,

March 8th, 1913.

Mr. Edwin H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I was a little in doubt as to whether you got the foreign address of Mr. Charles Fawcett, or his New York address. His mail should be sent to 3 Madison Avenue, New York.

Very truly yours,

March 10th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Since giving you the list of addresses .

Mr. Charles Bear Eaton, of 320 Broadway, New York, has
moved to Pine Hall, Cedar Vanner, Long Island, New York.

Very sincerely yours,

March 14th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

On March 8th I wrote you regarding the resignation of Mr. Edward R. Smith, The Avery Library, Columbia University, New York. Instead of resigning Mr. Smith has become an Associate Member of this Society. Please advise me if you sent him the March Numismatist, and if you did not I will send him one of the copies that we have here.

Can you spare two copies of the January Numismatist? If so, will you kindly send one to the Hispanic Society and one to Dr. W. R. Martin.

Dr. Martin spoke about this the other day, both he and the Hispanic Society want the beginning of the volume so it can be bound when completed.

Very sincerely yours,

March 17th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the report of the meeting, and I hope that the unusual promptness will make you very happy. I would be glad if you would let me see a proof of this in the course of time, if it is convenient to do so. I have delivered the copies of the January *Naturalist* to the Hispanic Society and Dr. Martin, and you will, no doubt, get an acknowledgment from both.

Very sincerely yours,

March 19th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

If you will please send me, please place the following name on your list of the members of this Society:- Veristatischen Vereins zu Dresden, Dresden, Germany.

I would be glad to know if you have sent the March Veristatist to Mr. Edward R. Smith about which I wrote you on March 14th. *If not I will send it from here.*

Very sincerely yours,

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447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

March 20, 1915.

Dear Mr. Menden:

Your favor of the 18th received. Many thanks for the check.

Have added the German society to our mailing list.

Now I am not sure whether I have sent a copy of March Numismatist to Mr. Smith or not. I have his name on our mailing list, and the probability is that it has been sent, but I will write him later to make sure.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

March 24th, 1918.

Mr. Edgar B. Adams,
477 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I return herewith the proof, which I received
this morning. This seems to be in pretty good shape, and I
only made a couple of corrections.

Very truly yours,

April 23rd, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the report for last Saturday's meeting as promised, and trust that it will reach you in good season. If there is time to let us see a proof of this, please do so.

Very sincerely yours,

May 21st, 1918.

Vr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,

I enclose herewith a little article for the June Numismatist to
show the place in the history of the nation of this society. I have found
that the society was the first to be organized on the 1st of May. It will continue
existing as long as the society can exist until the business activities
are resumed in 1919.

Yours truly,
Edgar H. Adams.

The American Numismatic Society held its last business meeting of the season on April 21st and the fall season will open on the evening of October 8th when the monthly informal gatherings of members and guests will be resumed. The next business meeting will be on, or about, November 17th.

During the summer the building will be open, as usual, from ten to five o'clock daily and from one to five o'clock Sundays, and as many people, residing away from New York, are apt to come here during the vacation season, the Society extends to all who are interested in numismatics, whether members or not, a most cordial invitation to visit its building and to consult its library and collections at any time.

To all such the building of the Society will be a Mecca to which they will turn for help, for no where else are such possibilities offered to the numismatist and student for research and study. But few collectors have the opportunity, root, or means for acquiring such an extensive numismatic library as the Society possesses. Many points and questions to be looked up by this or that collector have to be deferred to some more opportune time, and the library of the Society is nearly always the place resorted to to clear up and settle these different points.

The library is probably the largest collection of numismatic books in this country, and in addition to many works on all branches of the subject, contains complete files of the principal numismatic periodicals published in all parts of the world, a remarkable collection of American sale catalogues from 1828 to the present time, the most important of the foreign catalogues and many other interesting things.

The coins and medals on exhibition consist of selections from the Society's cabinets making a representative collection of the coins of ancient Greece and Rome, mediaeval and modern Europe, the various countries of America, Asia and Africa, with a special display

of United States coins. Decorations, insignia and war medals of all countries, historical medals, and an exceedingly fine collection of medals and plaques illustrating the best of the medallic art of the present day form an important feature of the exhibition.

A retrospective glance through the past cannot but impress one that the enduring qualities of an organization devoted to a pursuit, a science, or any one of the various human accomplishments, in order to stand firmly or survive must be built on some sturdy foundation. The human element may bring any given thing to a climax but too much dependence on the activities of one or several ardent collectors does not tend to permanence. We are all familiar with the one time numismatic activity of a certain city and adjacent territory, when, within a radius of a few miles, there were more large collectors and collections than in any other part of the country. A strong numismatic organization was formed, much and valuable research work was brought out and published, and a numismatic journal was edited and carried on at this centre. But gradually one, then another, of the more active ones passed on, their collections were scattered to the four winds or laid away and forgotten. No steps were taken to interest the younger generation, the society had no fixed abode and gradually the activities and accomplishments dwindled, the number of the more interested ones diminished, the memory and the printed records alone remains. A keener insight into the future might have obviated this.

Here in New York it is doubtful if such a situation could arise, because this chance has been eliminated and the numismatic pursuit is permanently entrenched on firm and enduring foundations by the possession of The American Numismatic Society in a building of its own, run by a self perpetuating and sustaining organization. With this firm foundation the future can be provided for, plans formulated, and carried to a successful issue, that other organizations, not so strongly established, could not undertake with such an assurance as to the permanency of their endeavors.

Collectors and those interested therefore feel and appreciate

the fact that here at last there is in this country, situated in the national metropolis, a substantial and permanent repository and natural headquarters of numismatics, where the accumulation of years will not be scattered or wasted on the turn of the tide, where the work and the process of accumulating is constructive, where what ever is obtained is made the most of and where it is the most available to the greatest number.

May 24th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly note the following changes of addresses:-

Mr. Robert James Eidlitz, from 489 Fifth Avenue, New York, to 30 East 42nd Street,
New York.

Mr. Fred Michael, from 136 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, to 937 Madison
Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Charles J. E. Woodbury, 123 Milk Street, Boston, Massachusetts, to 40 Milk
Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mrs. William J. Fuzby, from c/o Maxwell Motor Co., Detroit, Michigan, to 184 Dav-
ison Street, Highland Park, Detroit, Michigan.

Very sincerely yours,

May 26th, 1913.

Vr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Vr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Miss Rachel
T. Farrington, from Stoneleigh Court, Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C., to c/o Messrs. Hottinguer & Company,
38 rue de Province, Paris, France, and oblige,

Very truly yours,

P. S. The address of Vr. J. Sanford Saltus, until fur-
ther notice, will be c/o Messrs. Hottinguer & Co., 38
rue de Province, Paris, France.

June 9th, 1913.

Mr. Elgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Please do not send any more communications to Mr. W. Fourn Wetmore, Washington, D. C., until further notice.

Very truly yours,

*Mr. Wetmore has gone abroad
and left no address, will
notify me when he gets
back.*

June 13th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly add to the list of addresses of the ^{associate} members of this Society the name of Mr. W. E. Wright,
P. O. Box 6, New Orleans, Louisiana, and greatly oblige,

Very sincerely yours,

June 14th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly add to the list of associate members of this Society Joseph P. Jones, 29 Spencer Place, Brooklyn. Please let me know if Mr. Jones is already on your subscription list, because if he is not I will send him the back numbers of the Anarchist since we have been getting it, and if he is on the list of course he already has them.

Trusting you reach home safely last night, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

June 16th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a short article for the Society's page of the
Munismatist.

I hope you will be able to get up some day this week as I am planning to be away next week. I am not sure whether I will be here on Saturday or not.

Very sincerely yours,

In view of the interest recently developed in the numismatic history of this locality The American Numismatic Society has just placed on exhibition its collection of New York tokens and store

This collection consists of seventeen hundred and sixty one specimens, one thousand and six of which were struck during the Civil War period. The extensive series of New York store tokens begins with Votts Card dated 1789, including the rare early token "The Theatre at New York," which like several of the earlier cards was struck in England. The collection of New York cards and tokens is probably the finest in existence and is especially strong in those pieces struck during the first half of the eighteenth century.

This collection will remain on exhibition for several weeks and all who are interested in the local issues of this city and state are most welcome to consult it as well as such books relating to the subject, as the Society possesses, which include manuscripts and books of rubbings by several of the old time collectors.

Other exhibitions which will remain on view during the summer are:-

Money of the American Aborigines.

Primitive money of Asia, Africa and Oceanica.

The collection of ^{the} modern struck coinage of China loaned by Messrs. John Reilly, Jr. and Howland Wood, together with selections from the Society's collections illustrating the coinage of China from the earliest period to the last of the cast cash.

The Society's collection of American and foreign insignia, decorations and war medals.

Medals and plaques illustrating contemporary medallic art in Europe and America.

Selections from the Society's collections of ancient and modern coins, and historical medals.

Recent donations (which are kept on exhibition for one month or more before being placed in the cabinets).

The collections of coins of the West Indies, loaned by Rev. Dr. Foster Fly and Mr. Howland Wood.

The Fly collection consists of eighty five specimens chosen for their condition and interest. The Martinique series with the heart shaped holes cut in them, and the corresponding heart shaped plugs take one of the most interesting series of the collection. This mutilation of Spanish coins by the different island governments forms one of the most interesting phases of numismatics. It was done for several reasons, one, to supply small change, the plugs or parts cut out making a coin of small denomination, the ring or larger part making a coin of a larger denomination. Some times the Spanish dollars were cut into segments making divisions of fourths, fifths, sixths or twelfths. Besides supplying the need of small change the local governments oftentimes made a profit as the cut pieces were re-issued at an enhanced value; also this mutilation had a tendency to keep the money on the different islands, for the islanders were al-

ways confronted with the problem of having a sufficient circulating medium as none of the islands had mints of their own and the various home governments paid very little attention to their monetary needs.

The island of Guadeloupe shows the most diverse system of cutting and stamping. Some pieces have a large C stamped on them, other pieces have a square crenated hole, and oftentimes these ring dollars are recut into segments.

The pieces for Jamaica were never cut, simply stamped C. R. Those for St. Lucia were either cut in four equal segments or in thirds by parallel cuttings. Tortola cut its money in halves, quarters or eighths as did Montserrat. Dominica had several methods of cutting but always by a round hole of varying sizes.

This is supplemented by Mr. Wood's collection consisting of three hundred and fifty five pieces not represented in either the Fly collection, or the Society's cabinet. These are largely the copper issues, especially noteworthy are the various stamps for Montserrat and Tobago, fourteen varieties are included in the latter. The St. Thomas, Danish West Indies tokens, which, added to what the Society already has would make the series nearly complete. One of the most interesting pieces is a small Spanish coin counterstamped with a C and an anchor for La Cap on San Domingo during the French occupancy. Only a very few of these pieces are known. The collection of Cuban plantation and Cafe tokens, comprising eighty four pieces in all, ^{is} of great interest.

June 21st, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I return herewith the proof of the list of members with a number of corrections, and I would be glad to have a revised paged proof of this. You will notice that on the copy the symbol (†) is used to designate life members, and this should be done on this list as it has been in the past. Associate life members are designated all right on this list.

As I am going away for a couple of weeks, there is no particular hurry about sending this revised proof. When it is sent, I would like it in duplicate.

Very truly yours,

July 23, 1913.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have sent the article for the Muslimatist direct to Stowell,
please see that he gets it in the right place.

Very truly yours,

July 24, 1918.

Dear Mr. Adams:

As I wrote you yesterday I sent the copy for our article direct to Mr. Stovall. This article relates in part to the set of thirty one medals bearing portraits of Indians, by Edward M. Sawyer, which we have recently put on exhibition. It was necessary to get some information from Mr. Sawyer to complete this article, and yesterday morning was the first time I could get hold of him, hence the delay. I trust however it will reach him in good time.

The last time I saw Mr. Blake he asked me to see that he got two copies of the Numismatist, one on account of his readership in the Society, and the other on account of his readership in the Association, this of course will mean one more for him and one less sent up here.

You sent the receipt for the last check to Mr. Fryer, at New Rochelle, please send all receipts to me at the Society's building, as all the records are kept here, and any thing sent to Mr. Fryer has to be sent here by him.

Very sincerely yours,

July 24, 1913.

Mr. J. A. Stowell,
Federalbank,
Md.

Dear Sir:

In the copy that I sent you yesterday, for the article regarding the exhibits of this Society you will find the following paragraph:-

In addition to these, the Society has received, as a loan, from Mr. Sawyer, a model in bronze, nearly life size, of the medal of Chief Sota, which has also been placed on exhibition.

I would be obliged if you would change this paragraph, to read as follows:-

In addition to these, the Society has received, as a loan, from Mr. Sawyer, a life size model in bronze of the medal of Chief Sota, which has also been placed on exhibition.

Very truly yours,

Director.

July 29th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I return herewith the proof of the membership list. Sorry to have kept it so long, but I had so many other things to do that I did not get around to it. I see that he procured some daggers, and has been rather more than liberal with them than I requested, as I said that they were to designate life members only and the other sign (S) used to designate associate life members, while he has put daggers to the whole lot. However, that is not of very material importance. I notice that a number of changes that I have marked were not made. I also notice that where I designated a sign over a letter in the French or German names it has not been put on. Is that because he lacks the type? If so, it can't be helped. If he has the type for them I would like them put on as indicated in the proof that I returned before. As the list of members is an important thing to have right I would be glad if you would ask him to send up a pages proof. I have made two changes which were not in my original copy. One is transferring A. E. Baldwin from the list of members to the list of associate members, and the other change the place of residence of the Rev. Thomas A. Haughton-Purke.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly cross off from your list of members of this Society the name of Mr. Robert C. Ogden, of 126 East 56th Street, New York, who died a few days ago.

Very sincerely yours, .



AUDUBON PARK
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY

New York, August 9th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,

447A State Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

To The American Numismatic Society. Dr.

Twenty copies, February Numismatist @ \$.10 - - - - - - 42.00

Received payment,

August 11th, 1918.

Mr. Roger W. Adams,
447 4 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I return the proof herewith, there are but few changes except the title pages and cover which should be all oaks.

I believe I said originally that I wanted 100 of these reprints, I think however that 50 would be sufficient and as I want to keep the cost down as much as possible, I wish you would have his print only 50.

It seems to me, as all this has been arranged by you, it is better to continue that way until it is completed, which, I presume, will be before long.

We are working on our article for the September Agronomist, and will let you have it this week.

Very sincerely yours,

August 14th, 1918.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a short article for the Society's section of the next Numismatist. I presume you want to get this ready so as to have it out of the way before you go to the convention.

Very truly yours,

A large proportion of those visiting the museum of The American Numismatic Society appear to be much interested in the collection of Decorations, Insignia and Medals, which is displayed in twenty four swinging cases, attached to the four columns which support the gallery.

The cases on the first column to the right represent the United States.

The United States government has never awarded any orders or decorations, such as those of foreign countries, and the most highly prized medal is the Medal of Honor, which was established in 1832, as a reward for special acts in bravery, on the part of officers and soldiers of the regular and volunteer army, and non commissioned officers and enlisted men in the navy, the army medal underwent a change in the ribbon in 1896 and an entirely new design was adopted in 1909. The navy medal has retained the same up to the present time.

The first section contains the army medal of Honor with the ribbon of 1832 and 1896, so far the Society has been unable to obtain a specimen of the design of 1909, the navy medal of Honor, the naval good conduct medals, the naval service medals for the civil war, West Indies Campaign, Philippine Campaign and the campaign in China in 1900, also the Dewey and Sampson medals.

This is followed by the medals awarded by different states and cities for services in the Mexican, Civil and Spanish Wars, and medals for saving life.

The remaining cases in this section contain the insignia of military and hereditary societies. A military society is one that was organized by those who actually participated in the military operations which the Society commemorates, and it may be hereditary, like the Society of the Cincinnati, which was established in 1783 by commissioned officers of the Revolution and is kept alive by their descendants, or not hereditary, in which case it can only last for a life time, as is the case with the Grand Army of the Republic.

Some of the hereditary societies require military ancestry, such as the Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the Revolution, Daughters of the Revolution and many others, while some do not, for example the St. Nicholas Society of New York, Society of Mayflower descendants and others requiring descent from early settlers in this country and others with a variety of ancestral qualifications.

Among the especially noteworthy specimens might be mentioned one of the original badges of the Society of the Cincinnati, made in France soon after the organization of that society, and four others of later periods, the two exceedingly rare early badges of the Sons of the Revolution three specimens of the first badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, before the adoption of the well known star, the insignia of the Society of the Army of the Lakes, which Society had but a short life, and the insignia of the St. David's Society, of which but two specimens have been issued.

One section relates to the Confederacy, and contains the exceedingly rare Davis Guard Medal, which was given to the forty nine members of a company of that name, for the defence of Sabine Pass, Texas, in 1868. The Southern Cross of Honor, which was given to surviving Confederate Veterans by the Daughters of the Confederacy, some other medals and the insignia of the Confederate societies.

The cases on the next column contain British decorations, war medals and other official medals beginning with the Great George, Lesser George and Star of the Order of the Garter. With these is an Undress Garter. These were all made sometime during the reign of George III or George IV. The star of the Order of the Thistle, the military star of the Order of the Bath, the Order of the Faronets of Nova Scotia, and several miniature and other decorations. The medals include the scarce medal given to the Indians in Canada, bearing the lion and the wolf on the reverse, the Germantown medal in copper, a silver medal for West of India and Guzerat 1778 - 1784, Mysore 1790-92, Seringapatax 1799, Egypt 1801, Rodrigues, Fourbin and Mauritius 1809-1810, the field officers gold medal for the Peninsular War, which was awarded to Captain Francis Scott, who was killed at the assault of St. Sebastian in 1813. Types of nearly all the different war medals issued during the reign of Victoria, including two Victoria Crosses, one for the army and one for the navy, and the exceedingly scarce New Zealand Cross. Many of the medals of Edward VII and several of George V. The last section contains ^{each group containing} ~~S~~ groups of medals ~~awarded to different individuals~~.. While the collection contains nearly all of the medals of Victoria, it is deficient in the clasps issued for different engagements, notably in the case of the Military General Service Medal, of which the collection contains but two specimens with two clasps each, and the Naval General Service Medal, with three specimens, two of which have two clasps and the third one clasp.

The cases on the two remaining columns contain decorations and war medals of other foreign countries beginning with France, of which there is a fine collection of the decorations of the Legion of Honor of the various reigns from Napoleon I to Napoleon III of the second and third Republic, some other decorations including a modern reproduction of the elaborate decoration of the Order of the Three Gold Fleeces, which was projected by Napoleon, as a rival of the celebrated Order of the Golden Fleece of Spain and Austria, but never established, owing to the abrupt termination of Napoleon's reign, ~~and~~ many war and other medals.

The German medals follow with the Order of the Red Eagle and the Order of the Crown of Prussia and several specimens of the Prussian Iron Cross of 1813 and of 1870, and a number of war medals.

Decorations and medals of Baden, Bavaria, Brunswick, Hanover, Hesse, Oldenburg, Saxony, Wurttemberg, and various other principalities.

Austria is represented by the Order of the Iron Crown, the Order of Francis Joseph, Order of St. John of Jerusalem and a number

of decorations and medals.

Of Holland, there is the Order of the Netherland Lion, and a considerable number of medals for military service, and the Order of the Oak Crown for Luxembourg, followed by medals and decorations of Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Greece and Switzerland. The Order of the Elephant of Denmark is one of the highest and most exclusive of European Orders, the specimen in the collection is of smaller size than that worn on state occasions, and under some circumstances is worn in place of the full size and jeweled decoration.

Among the decorations of Italy will be found a star of the Order of the Annunziata, which is one of the Royal Orders very hard to obtain, also the Order of the Iron Crown at the time of Napoleon, together with a number of other decorations and medals both for Italy as united and for the various Italian states before the union. A number of Papal decorations, also nearly all of the active Spanish and Portuguese orders, but lacking the Order of the Golden Fleece of Spain.

Medals and decorations of Russia including the Order of the White Eagle, the star of the Order of St. Anne, the Order of St. George, and the Order of St. Stanislaus, and various Orders from Servia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Montenegro and Monaco.

The Order of the Medjidi and the Order of the Osmani of Turkey, and other Turkish decorations, and various decorations of Tunis, Zanzibar and other African states.

In Asia, ^{represented by} the Order of the Sun and Lion, and of Persia, the Order of the Dragon of Annam, the Royal Order of Cambodia, the Order of the Crown of Siam, the Order of the Double Dragon of China, the third, sixth, seventh and eighth class of the Order of the Rising Sun, the Order of the Sacred Treasure, and the Order of the Golden Kite of Japan, as well as some exceedingly scarce and interesting Japanese war medals, also a military decoration and several medals of Corea.

Of Hawaii there is the Order of the Star of the Ocean, and the Order of Kamehameha.

~~Of Mexico~~ ^{represented by} the Order of the Mexican Eagle of two classes, also two classes of the Order of the Madonna of Guadaloupe. Both of these Orders were established during the reign of Maximilian, also various Mexican medals.

Of Haiti there is the Order of Faustin, and the scarce star of the Order of the Legion of Honor.

Guatemala has the Order of Military Merit.

Nicaragua, the Order of the San Juan.

Honduras, the Order of Santa Rosa of Civil Merit.

There are a number of war medals of Ecuador, Bolivia, Chili, and Peru, also the scarce silver medal of Antoine II, "King of Patagonia," who attempted to establish a kingdom of Patagonia, and had quite a following, but died before his plans were altogether complete. This medal or decoration was probably intended as a reward for the

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faithful, but not very many of them were made, and it is generally understood that those that were made were not paid for.

Under Brazil are several classes of the Order of the Southern Cross, and the Order of the Rose, both of which flourished during the empire, and the remaining South American decorations are the Order of the East of Bolivar of Venezuela, the Order of Merit of Venezuela, and medals of Argentine Republic and Uruguay.

This is probably the most extensive collection of decorations in this country. It contains a large majority of the active foreign orders, though a number of most important ones are lacking, such as the Golden Fleece of Spain and Austria, several of the highest orders of Prussia, Austria, Russia and Sweden, there are also other gaps here and there.

The British orders are all hard to obtain. Several, other which the full sized decorations are lacking, are represented by miniature badges, which are worn on certain occasions when the wearing of the full sized decorations is not convenient or proper, and some others are entirely lacking.

There are many extinct orders, of these the following specimens in the collection might be mentioned:-

France, Order of the Holy Ghost, Order of St. Louis, Order of Military Merit, which existed before the French Revolution, Order of the Reunion and Canonical Cross of St. Denis, of the time of Napoleon, and Order of the Lily, a decoration given by Louis XVIII. Royal Suelphic Order, of Hanover, Royal Order of Jerome Bonaparte, of Westphalia, Order of the Iron Crown, of Italy, which was established by Napoleon and later became the Order of the Iron Crown of Austria, Order of St. Louis of Parma, Order of the Holy Savior of Mont Real, of Spain, also the orders of Mexico and Brazil, which went out of existence when these countries became republics.

While the collection of war medals can, and no doubt will, in time, be largely increased, still it might be considered a very good representative collection, and one containing many rare and interesting specimens.

August 18th, 1913.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Will you kindly put in the enclosed as a continuation of the article for the Numismatist that I sent you yesterday.

Very truly yours,

The Society has recently put on exhibition a Babylonian clay temple record in the form of a receipt for rent, &c. The tablet is about two inches wide by three and one half inches high and about an inch thick, rounded on the sides, and is of a drab color. Both sides are covered with cuneiform inscriptions. The piece was found at Vossul, and is reckoned to have been made somewhere between 2700 and 2500 B. C. Its especial interest it has for numismatists is the fact that on the tablet mention in two places is made of silver by weight. On one side the inscription reads:- 3 shekel refined silver from the house of DAVLAR - the DAVLAR had accumulated the rent - has come to hand; in two years the interest of 3 shekel of silver has grown 3 gur 130 qa of grain, best quality, - the grain is from the Sagru field, it has been harvested. 2 gur of tar (asphalt)..... On the other side:- from Akalla son of Utani received;- 2 nig. oil garments, its price is 1 shekel of silver, 1 copper utensil forgrain, weight ten shekel of copper from Lusal-azaggani Ibukandu has received." This transaction was many centuries before silver money was made, but silver was used in round lumps or ingots at that time, and passed by weight as we see from the tablet. Many centuries after this word shekel was used to designate a certain piece of silver money made by the Jews.

August 15th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 4 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Robert W.
McLachlan, from 55 St. Montee Street, to 310 Lansdowne
Street, Westmont, Montreal, Canada.

Very truly yours,

September 8th, 1912.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mrs. William A. Buzby, from 124 Davison Street, Highland Park, Detroit, Michigan, to 589 West 155th Street, New York.

Mrs. Buzby is one of our associate members, and this was her address before she went to Detroit.

Very sincerely yours,

To the Editor of the Numismatist.

Sir:-

I notice in the September Numismatist a letter from C. V. Hope, who seems much exercised over the two statements regarding the identity of the Indian, whose portrait appears on the new five cent piece.

Mr. Hope will, no doubt, be surprised to learn that both these statements are correct, Mr. Sawyer, who modeled the collection of Indian Medals, described in the August Numismatist, has informed us ^{that} he asked Mr. Fraser about this, and was told that the Indian on the five cent piece is a composite portrait of John Two Moons and Iron Tail, both of whom he had modeled from life.

Respectfully,

B L B

New York, September 15, 1913.

September 15th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
487 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the copy promised for the Numismatist, and trust that it will reach you in good season. If there is time to send us a proof, please do so.

Hoping to see you before very long, I am,

Very truly yours,

September 20th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Life Member, Mr. Daniel Parish, Jr., from 12 West 48th Street, to Manhattan Square Hotel, 80-82 West 77th Street.

The proof has just been received. As Wood wrote the article on Proclamation Pieces I will have him correct the proof. He is away to-day, but will be here on Monday, and I will ask him to attend to it as soon as he gets here, and forward it to you without delay.

Very truly yours,

September 30th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Do you know anything about the Ventuella Curio Company, of Springfield, Chic, "Importers and Dealers in Rare Coins, Paper Money, Stamps, Souvenirs"?

The above is quoted from their letter head. I have never heard of this concern before, and am rather curious to know what it is.

Very sincerely yours,

The Numismatist

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Oct. 1, 1913.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Yours of the 30th received. Many thanks for the inclosed
check.

The coin piece you mention is a new one to me; never heard of
it before.

Just got back home from Federalsburg, and will have the Octob
ber Numismatist soon in the mails.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

October 2nd, 1913.

Mr. Edgar S. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly give the bearer, Mr. Ruch, the package
that you have for the Society, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Director.

October 22, 1911.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams,:-

Kindly add to the list of Associate Members
of this Society the name of Mr. Edward Holbrook, c/o The
Gorham Company, Fifth Avenue & 58th Street, New York, and
greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

October 18th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a copy for our page in the Numismatist, which I trust will reach you in good season. Should there be time to let us have a proof, we would be glad to see it.

Very truly yours,

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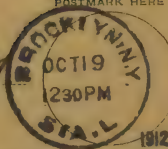
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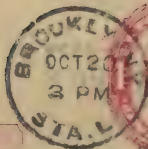
DEAR SIR:

Your favor of the *18th* received, and
will be given prompt attention.

Respectfully yours,

EDGAR H. ADAMS,

Editor and Business Manager.



Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
American Numismatic Society,
West 156th St. & Broadway,
New York City.

November 18th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the copy for the report of the meeting on Saturday. If it is a possible thing to do so, I would be glad to see the proof.

Very truly yours,

December 1st, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly note the names and addresses of Associate Members recently elected:-

Mr. W. Harold Manning, 29 Colbourne Crescent, Brookline, Mass.
Dr. G. F. E. Wilharm, 1343 Penn Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.
Mr. William F. Beller, 51 East 123rd Street, New York.
Mr. N. C. Nielsen, Cairo, Nebraska.
Mr. Bela L. Pratt, 4 Harcourt Street, Boston, Mass.
Mr. Ben G. Green, 1535 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Jonathan M. Swanson, 919 South 18th Street, Newark, N. J.
Mr. Moritz Wormser, 97 Franklin Street, New York.
Mr. E. J. Beltman, Kintloe, Berkhamsted, Herts, England.
Mr. Edward Michael, 138 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.
Mr. Elliott Smith, 16 Anderson Street, New Rochelle, N. Y.

Also change the addresses of the following members:-

Mr. H. O. Granberg, from 365 Tenth Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, to
1004 Michigan Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.
Mr. Charles S. Mellen, from N.Y.N.H. & H.R. Co., New Haven, Connecticut
to 389 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.
Mr. Frank F. Fletcher, 2816 West 44th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota,
to 410 Northwestern Bank Building, Minneapolis,
Minnesota.

Also take off the names of the members who have died:-

Mr. Robert Hewitt, Ardsley-on-Hudson, New York.
Mr. Herman C. Von Post, 32 West 57th Street, New York.
Mr. J. Coolidge Hills, 19 Atwood Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Very truly yours,

December 13th, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Life Member, Mr. Daniel Parish, Jr. from Manhattan Square Hotel, 50 - 58 West 77th Street, New York, to 13 West 48th Street New York. This was Mr. Parish's address before he moved to the Manhattan Square Hotel. Also that of Corresponding Member, Monsieur Godefroid Devreese, 7 rue Quinaux, Paris, France, to 7 rue Quinaux, Brussels, Belgium.

Also take from your mailing list the name of Mr. George A. Hearn, 46 East 69th Street, New York. Mr. Hearn died a short time ago.

Very sincerely yours,

December 17, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams;-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Nelson P.
Pehrson, from 156th Street, West of Broadway to 11 St.
Nicholas Place, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

December 22nd, 1913.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose the report of Saturday's meeting as
promised, and trust that it will reach you in good time.

Very truly yours,

New York December 20, 1913.

A regular meeting of The American Numismatic Society was held at 3.30 P.M., Mr. Daniel Parish, Jr., one of the Governors, presiding.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 15th the following reports were presented:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

To the Members of The American Numismatic Society:-

Your Council would report the election to Corresponding Membership of Dr. Romulo S. Naon, the Argentine Minister to the United States.

Announcement is made, with great regret, of the death, on December 1st, of George A. Hearn, a Life Member of the Society since January 16, 1899.

Respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR.

To the Officers and Members of The American Numismatic Society:-

Since the last meeting, the accessions to the Library have been six books, fifty periodicals, forty pamphlets and thirty six catalogues from the following donors:-

Director-General of the National Museums of Venezuela.

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William Poillon.

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Howland Wood.

and to the numismatic collections, one hundred and ninety six coins and tokens, thirteen medals and four specimens of paper money. The donors are

Bauman L. Belden.

Henry W. Cannon.

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Archer M. Huntington.

Julius de Lagerberg.

Edward T. Newell.

Henry A. Ramsden.

Clarence B. Ruch.

B. Rosenkranz.

J. Walter Scott.

A. Siegel.

Howland Wood.

Andrew C. Zabriskie.

One piece that deserves especial mention has been received as a temporary loan and is now on exhibition. It is a specimen of the Swedish copper plate money of the denomination of eight dalers, coined in 1659, during the reign of Charles X, it measures $23 \frac{1}{2} \times 13$ inches and weighs thirty one pounds. It is said to have been brought up by a dredge from the bottom of the harbor of Higa, eleven or twelve years ago.

The Swedish copper plate money was first issued in 1649, during the reign of Christina, and continued for about one hundred and ten years. The eight daler pieces were only issued in the reigns of Charles X and Charles XI and are now of excessive rarity, as far as is known but one other specimen has come to this country, and that is now in the collection of Mr. Granberg.

The fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Society will be held on the 17th of January, and will mark the opening of the exhibition of United States and Colonial coins, which will last for one month, this will be made up of selections from the Society's cabinet and from many of the most important collections in this country, and will, without doubt, be the most important exhibition of its kind that has ever been held.

The number of visitors during the month of December was six hundred and three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Chairman then announced the subject of the meeting: Informal discussion and exhibition of the coins struck by the Dervishes in the Sudan, and introduced Mr. Howland Wood, who made a short address regarding the coins struck during the Mahdist revolt in the Sudan, and showed ninety specimens all varying from one another, and representing nearly every known variety. After sketching a short history of the country and the events leading up to the revolt against the Egyptian government, he went into detail on the coinage. These issues commenced directly after the fall of Khartoum in January 1885, and are of gold and silver. These issues of the Mahdi are very rare, as he only lived six months after he had captured Khartoum. His successor, the Khalifah, began to coin two years later, and continued his issues for eleven years. Gradually the coinage became very base. Many of the so-called silver coins were simply plated, and in the later part of his career dollars were struck in pure copper.

The Rev. Dr. James B. Nien then spoke concerning some rare and interesting promissory notes issued by Gen. Gordon at Khartoum just before his death, and showed three examples. These pieces are very crude, and were issued for ten and twenty piastres. The British government redeemed every one of those offered for redemption.

Mr. Edward F. Newell then spoke on the origin of the Arabic Coinage, how they first copied their gold and copper from the Argentine coinage and their silver from the Persian. These early types had figures and representations of living things

on them, which is contrary to Mohammedan religion, and which was later changed in their reform coinage to exclude the portrayal of living things. Mr. Newell illustrated his remarks with specimens of the coins mentioned.

Bauman L. Belden,
Secretary.

Adams E. H. 1914.

January 2nd, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The original check for the amount of this bill
has been lost, and I am therefore sending you a duplicate.

Very truly yours,

Director.

January 2nd, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have received the January number of your exceedingly low publication, and I notice on page 19 the proceedings of the Rochester Unitarian Association, the statement that Dr. French spent a very pleasant Saturday afternoon at the building of the American Unitarian Association, and while there heard a very scholarly and interesting paper read by Rev. Dr. Ely, also that he spent a portion of the evening looking over some of the first issues of the Unitarianist and other things contained in the American Unitarian Association library.

You will, no doubt, be glad to learn that there is a building at Broadway and 18th Street, which is owned and occupied by The American Unitarian Society; that the Rev. Dr. Ely read a paper in that building on the afternoon of the 18th of November, and one of the guests at that occasion was Dr. French. I am very glad to learn that the American Unitarian Association has a building and library located in New York, but I feel a little skeptical on the subject of Dr. Ely's paper because he spent such a large portion of that day in the building of The American Unitarian Society, that I could not see just how he could find time to have read a paper also in the building of the American Unitarian Association. Possibly the distinguished Editor of the Unitarianist may be able to enlighten me on this subject, as I am always glad to learn new things.

Trusting that Santa Claus did not forget to stop at 447 A State Street, Brooklyn, also that when you woke up on New Year's morning you were able to get into your hat, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

January 6th, 1914.

Dear Mr. Adams;-

Kindly change the address of Associate Member,
Mr. Moritz Wormser, from 87 Franklin Street, to 98 Fifth
Avenue, New York, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

B. L. D.
m.R.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn.

January 31st, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the following addresses:-

Mr. Moritz Wertsner, from 37 Franklin Street, to 36 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Miss M. Georgia Ortona,, from Lock Box 20, Ferrysburg, Ohio to
1861 Parkwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Capt. Charles J. Sieges, from 404 - 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
to 588 West 152nd Street, New York.

Mrs. Matel Conklin, from Boothbay, Maine, to 1 West 34th Street,
New York.

Also take the following list from your roll, some of
whom have resigned, and some have died.

Mr. Philip M. Lydig, 68 East 52nd Street, New York.

Mr. Jefferson Seligman, 1 William Street, New York.

Mr. Paul Tuckerman, 59 Wall Street, New York.

Mr. John M. Good, Jr., 127 West 73rd Street, New York.

Mr. Hugo O. Greenwood, 809 - 26th Street, Oakland, California.

Mr. Ben C. Green, 1535 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

February 3rd, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

As you did not show up last evening I am sending you herewith the letter that accompanied the fourth volume of the King of Italy's book, so that you can take such acknowledgment of it as you think proper. The book is here, and you can take it the next time you come up.

We had a pleasant evening last night, but everybody missed the distinguished Editor of the Marxist.

Very sincerely yours,

February 5th, 1914.

Mr. Roger F. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Francis S.
Pearson, from 11 Lawrence Street, Chicago, Illinois, to
315 E. Madison Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and enclose.
Yours very truly,

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Feb. 16, 1914.

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
Director The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Belden:

In regard to our recent conversation, I am sending you this letter, in which I have endeavored to make clear our position in regard to the subscription of your society to The Numismatist.

Last year, beginning with the February number, we entered into an ~~arrangement~~ arrangement by which the Numismatist agreed to supply 400 copies each month, at a total yearly rate of \$400, or \$33.33 and a fraction each month.

It was understood that The Numismatist was to supply all the members of your society with the magazine each month, the mailing to be done by The Numismatist. It was further agreed that the magazine should not be sent to those who already were receiving it, either as subscribers or as members of ~~the~~ the American Numismatic Association. The difference in copies was to be sent to the Director of The American Numismatic Society.

Several times during the past year demands were made upon The Numismatist by members of both organizations to supply The Numismatist on account of your society, and in this way our Association lost the amount of subscription.

Each time the ~~demand~~ demand was made The Numismatist acceded to it without question, although it would have been well within its rights, by reason of previous agreement, as above stated, if it had re-

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refused. But The Numismatist desired no controversy upon the matter, as the rather peculiar circumstances were considered.

Now The Numismatist feels that a more satisfactory basis of subscription should be arranged. The desire is great to retain the subscription of The American Numismatic Society if it can be done without prejudicing the interests of our own Association and The Numismatist.

At the present time there are on the mailing list of The Numismatist about 240 domestic and about 40 foreign names who receive the magazine each month on account of your society. Our usual charge for subscription is \$1.50 yearly, domestic, and \$1.75, foreign. However, the foreign members of our Association pay only \$1.50.

The proposition I would respectfully submit to your society is that hereafter each one of your subscribers, either domestic or foreign, pay a flat rate of \$1.50 yearly. This, in our opinion, should be a satisfactory basis, for it would obviate all possible loss on account of the subscription of a member of our Association being transferred to the account of your society.

The Numismatist at present is on a self-supporting basis, but any radical change in its income would have serious results, and a radical change would ensue if all the members of your society who are now members ~~of~~ or subscribers of ~~the~~ the American Numismatic Association, were transferred to the account of your society. I judge there are about sixty, and possibly more, persons who now are members of our Association or subscribers

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of The Numismatist, who are also members of your society, but who do not receive The Numismatist on account of your society. At any time we are likely to be called upon to cancel the present subscriptions to our Association, and place the names to the account of your society.

At the flat rate of \$1.50 for the domestic and foreign members of your society who are now receiving The Numismatist the total would be about \$420 for the year instead of \$400, as at present.

Then as subsequent names should be added to the mailing list of your society they could be settled for at the rate of \$1.50 ~~X~~ each, and thus all room for dissatisfaction would disappear, either to your society or to our own.

The Management of The Numismatist earnestly trusts that the above will be given careful consideration by the Council of your society, and that a conclusion, satisfactory to both, can be reached.

Respectfully yours,

Edgar H. Adams,
Mngr The Numismatist

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Feb. 17, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Inclosed find thirty-one cents in stamps, the amount due you
for sending the book to Dr. Casparetto.

Many thanks for the service.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Adams

February 13th, 1914.

Mr. Adrian W. Adams,
107 A Street, Forest,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

At the close of each year the members
of this Society elect an Honorary Treasurer. At
100 West 74th Street, New York, was held on Monday, 1st
October,

Very truly yours,

February 26th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Please add to the list of annual members of this Society the name of Mr. F. O. C. Royl, of 439 Manhattan Avenue, New York. Also change the address of Mr. B. E. S. Hobart, from Hobart, New York, to 610 Third Street, Brooklyn, New York, and online,

Yours very truly,

February 27th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar W. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Henry A.
Sinclair from 110 to 114 West 30th Street, New York, and
office,

Yours very truly,

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

March 2, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am inclosing a check for one dollar for the ten copies of the March, 1913, Numismatist, for which accept my thanks, as they helped me out of a predicament.

Mr. Spradl would be able to attend meeting to night on account of the bad weather.

Sincerely yours,



March 3rd, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just received your letter of March 2nd with check
for one dollar for ten copies of the March Numismatist, for which please
accept thanks.

Very truly yours,

March 5th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

The enclosed card from Dr. Barfeldt regarding the Berliner Munzblätter appears to belong to you rather than to this Society.

Very truly yours,

March 10th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly take from your list of the members of this Society the following names of those who have resigned:-

Miss Isabel F. Dodd, American College for Girls, Constantinople, Turkey.
Miss Caroline Hunt Rinner, Pleasant Street, Belmont, Massachusetts.
Mr. Alfred Tuckerman, University Club, 5th Avenue & 54th Street, New York.
Mr. Adolph A. Weinman, 441 West 21st Street, New York.

Very truly yours,

March 23rd, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I sent the report of the meeting direct to Stowell on Saturday, so I presume he has it by this time.

I want to put a quarter page advertisement in the April Economist, which I send you herewith. I had a talk with Mrs. Adams over the phone thinking I might possibly be able to send this to you so that it would catch you before you get home, but she seemed to think that that was impracticable. I have, therefore, just sent a copy of it to Mr. Stowell with a letter of which I enclose a carbon.

Trusting that your trip will prove both satisfactory and enjoyable, and hoping that we will see you up here before long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
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Dear Mr. Adams:-

I received a day or two ago, by parcel post, from the Addressograph Company, a lot of twenty five plates, which I judge were sent here by mistake instead of being sent to you, as I recognize a few of the names on the list. Would you like me to mail them over to you, or will you be up here before you send out the next number?

Very truly yours,

March 24th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change on your list the address of Mr. John L. Poillon from 2866 Broadway, New York, to Stamford, Connecticut.

Also take off your list the names of two members who have died recently.

Mr. John L. Cadwalader, 40 Wall Street, New York, and
Mr. George Westinghouse, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

March 26th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar E. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I sent you the box of addressograph plates, which were sent up here by mistake, this morning, and I am enclosing herewith the bill for them, which was also sent here. It would be a good scheme to see that the Addressograph people send the plates, which you order, direct to you the next time.

Very truly yours,

March 30th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Herbert Nix-
lewicz, from 28 Park Place, to 332 Tenth Street, Brook-
lyn, N. Y.

Also add to your list the following new asso-
ciate members:-

Dr. Ailan O. Whipple, 66 East 77th Street, New York.

Mr. Ten Broeck Morse, 346 West 71st Street, New York.

Mr. W. E. Forte, 3313 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Very truly yours,

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March 30, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Will you kindly oblige me with twenty copies each of January and
March, 1914, of the Numismatist. My society is much interested, yet funds are
steadily coming in.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

April 14th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
147a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly note the following changes of address of centers
of this Society:-

Mr. Howard R. Newcott, 32 Farlingham Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. George Foster Peabody, Saratoga Springs, New York.

Mr. William E. Weeks, 208 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey.

Christlicher Verein zu Dresden (A. V.), Dresden, Germany.

Very truly yours,

from

April 18, 1914.

Mr. E. H. Adams
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

I am sending you herewith a little bronze medal. It was struck at the time of the opening of the Stock Exchange Building in 1903. The report of the meeting of last evening contains an interesting communication regarding this medal, and a number of historical facts of interest regarding the Stock Exchange, and I would be very glad if a cut of this medal could go in with that communication. I am at work on the report of the meeting and hope to get it off to you this afternoon. If I cannot get it off this afternoon in time, I will surely send it on Monday.

Very truly yours,

April 20th, 1914.

Mr. H. Adams,
71 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith a copy of the report for the last meeting, which I trust will reach you in good time.

I tried to get you on the phone this afternoon, but you were out, as I wanted to speak to you about Mr. Gregory's communication and the illustration of the medal.

Should you find that you could not get the cut in time to put it in with the article, I think it would be better to cut out Mr. Gregory's communication entirely, and omit it in the next number of the Universalist with the cut, as Mr. Gregory desired that when his article was printed the illustration should go with it. If you find that this will be necessary, please call me up, and I will give you instead just a line to put in stating that this communication was read and will be published later.

Very truly yours,

April 23, 1914.

Dr. Roger L. Ains
177 State Street,
Newbury, N. H.

Dear Sir:-

It is pleasant to inform you that the Governors have appointed
you a member of the Committee on United States Coins for the current year.
The other members of the Committee are Mr. William M. Towne, 185
Broadway, New York, and Wayne C. Brown, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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April 28th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly add the following new name to our list
of members:-

Mr. George B. Ward, Evanston, Illinois.

Also change the address of Mr. Emerson McMillin
from 320 Riverside Drive, New York, to 40 Wall Street,
New York.

Very sincerely yours,

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May 6, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am enclosing herewith the two volumes in support of the January and March
of Numismatist of January and March, 1914.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams.

May 7th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 E State Street,
Brooklyn, New York.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just received your letter of May 6th with
check for four dollars in payment of the twenty copies
each of the *Annals* of January and March 1914, and
for which please accept thanks.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

May 7th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly take from your roll of members of this Society the following names:-

Mr. Theodore A. Dims, 41 Broadway, New York.

Miss Harriet E. Robbins, 66 West 43rd Street, New York.

Change the following address:-

Mr. Max Unterlack-Frienter, Berlin, Germany, to
Pension Souver, Café de la Méditerranée, Monaco - Containie,
Europe.

Very truly yours,

IMPORTANT

OFFICE OF
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447a State Street

Brooklyn, N. Y., 19.....

Dear Sir:

Please forward us immediately your copy for the *June*
Numismatist.

It is necessary to issue the magazine PROMPTLY on the first of the month, and we must therefore have your copy not later than the twentieth, as the forms will close on that date.

Respectfully yours,

EDGAR H. ADAMS,

Editor and Business Manager.

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

MAY 13, 1914.

Dear Mr. Welden:

Thank you for the copy of the June Numismatist, and please

Sincerely yours,

E. Adams.

May 14, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Adams:-

I am sending you herewith the material for the June Anniversary, and in the first place you will note that I have made some changes on the page which gives the officers of the Society etc.

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of the Society's building, and would like to have a small cut of that, say 1 1/2 or 1 3/4 inches high, put in place of the Society's seal.. If this comes out well, we will probably vary it in the future, some times putting in the seal, and at other times the building. You will notice five lines of printing have been crossed out which will make a little more room for this cut. The remainder you will understand.

I believe you informed us that you already have a cut of the Swedish copper plate, which you can put in where the place is mentioned.

I would be very glad if you could manage to show me a proof of this. I am sending it to you a little earlier than usual this time, so there ought to be time for that.

Very truly yours,

New York, May 5, 1914.

A special meeting of The American Numismatic Society, to view the exhibition of United States and New York State Paper Money, was held at 8 P. M., Mr. Henry Russell Drowne, one of the Governors, Presiding.

The Chairman announced the subject of the meeting and introduced Mr. George W. Holding, for over forty years connected with the American Bank Note Company, who delivered a most interesting informal address, describing the methods used in engraving and printing bank notes, showing the improved methods that have come into use from time to time, and exhibiting the tools now used by bank note engravers.

At the close of the address a vote of thanks was adopted.

Mr. A. Atlas Leve made some interesting remarks regarding his experiences as a collector of paper money, and other matters.

Remarks were also made by Messrs. George H. Blake and David Proskey.

After some informal discussion the meeting adjourned and the remainder of the evening was spent in examining the exhibition, looking over a number of collections and interesting specimens that were brought to the meeting by members, and partaking of a light collation.

Bauman L. Belden, *Secretary*

The exhibition of United States Paper Money, also Private Bank and other notes issued in New York State, which was opened in the building of The American Numismatic Society on March 26th, came to an end on the 15th of May. A brief description of this exhibition appeared on page 280 of the May Numismatist.

A new exhibition was immediately arranged in forty-two cases in the gallery, consisting of ~~a~~ ^{from the} selections ~~of~~ collection of paper money recently presented to the Society by Mr. Archer M. Huntington, comprising notes issued by the Confederate States. All of the types, and most of the varieties, are represented in this exhibition. The remaining cases in the gallery have been filled with selections from the Society's ^{cabinets} collection, making a representative collection of ancient, foreign and United States coins.

The Society has been most fortunate in receiving as a gift, from Mr. Emerson Mc Millin of New York, the exceedingly fine specimen of the 8 Daler copper plate coin of Sweden, which has been on exhibition for some time past.

This coin was struck in Avesta, in Sweden, in 1659 during the reign of Charles X Gustavus. It measures 23 1/2 by 13 inches, and weighs 31 pounds. In each of the four corners is a circular stamp, having in the centre a Swedish crown, and dated 1659. ^{The} ~~the~~ ^{encircled by} the 1c and CAROLUS. GUSTAVUS. X. D. D. REX. SUEC. In the centre is a similar stamp inscribed 8 DALER Solff; Mnt.

While the Swedish copper plate money of the denominations of 1/2, ¹/₂, ¹/₂ and ¹/₂ Dalers coins nearly every year, for a period of about 110 years, ^{beginning in 1649} during the reign of Christina, and most of the varieties are comparatively easy to obtain, these 8 Daler pieces are of great rarity. ~~as~~ They were only coined during a few years in the reign of Christina, Charles X. and Charles XI. A majority of the specimens that have turned up are now in European museums. It is known that two other specimens are in the United States, both of which are in western collections.

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Appreciating the general interest at present in Mexican affairs, the Society has placed on exhibition a representative collection of Mexican coins, medals and decorations. These begin when Mexico was under Spain, and the first coins were the earliest money coined on the American Continent, during the reign of Charles and Johanna in 1516-1520. Also there are shown various coins of the different Spanish rulers. During the reign of Ferdinand VII, the various possessions in the New World began to throw off the Spanish Yoke, and an interesting series of crude necessity coins are shown. These were struck by both factions. The Central Junta, in behalf of the Monarchy struck money at Mexico City, Durango, Zacatecas, Chihuahua. Money was also struck in the field by General Vargas, at Sombrerete and by the Revolutionary army of the South under the patriot Morelos from 1811-1814.

Another leader in 1821 named Iturbide succeeded in making Mexico independent, and the next coinage is of this man as Emperor under the name of Augustin. On the abdication of Augustin in 1823 begins the Republican coinage which has continued to the present day with the exception of the brief ill fated Empire under Maximilian 1864-1867, when we have a series bearing this unfortunate Monarch's head.

The latest coins ^{are} ~~being~~ the Peso, 50 Centavos or 1/2 Peso in silver, and 2 Centavos in copper, issued in 1913 by the Constitutionalist forces. These coins were described and illustrated on page 23 of the February Numismatist, and on page 230 in the May Numismatist. The three ^{coins} exhibited, were recently presented to the Society by Mr. Lyman H. Low.

There are also shown various medals, orders and decorations issued by the Mexican Government, and a considerable collection of Mexican Proclamation pieces.

Our previous War with Mexico 1845-1848, is well illustrated by several medals awarded by the Government to Scott ~~and~~ Taylor and by a number of medals awarded by several of the States of the Union to different officers and soldiers. Besides these are shown a number of badges worn by members of Veteran organizations of the Mexican war such as the Aztec Club of 1847, Scott Legion of Philadelphia, National Association of Mexican War Veterans, and others.

May 15, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams
447A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Adams:-

The enclosed letter explains
itself. No stamps were sent with it.

I have written to Mr. Smith
informing him that the stamps were not sent,
and that I had forwarded his letter to you.

Very truly yours,

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

MAY 15, 1914.

My dear Gelden:

I have received your letter of the 10th inst. regarding the seal. I will try to have the seal made for this month's Numismatist, which you will be interested for the seal.

Also will insert the seal in the next issue. Will send proof to you if it reaches me in good time.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

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Appreciating the interest ^{at present} now taken in paper money, the Society is now exhibiting selections of the paper currency issued by the Confederate States. This is a portion of the large collection recently presented to the Society by Mr. Archer M. Huntington. On account of lack of exhibition space it was impossible to display the entire series issued by the Confederacy, nevertheless, every type, and the more important ^{varieties} ~~ones~~ are shown.

The series is arranged in chronological order and begin with the first emission issued at Montgomery, Alabama, where the Confederate capitol was located before it was moved to Richmond. These were issued in May and June 1861, and the dates are written. They are of the denomination of 1000, 500, 100, and 50 dollars, and are beautifully executed notes in black and green, engraved by the National Bank Note Co., These were followed in September by equally well engraved notes of the denomination of 100 and 50 dollars, issued at Richmond and have the imprint of the Southern Bank Note Co., of New Orleans, though made in the north as were the previous notes. Both of these issues bore interest at one cent a day per one hundred dollars, and are consequently now very rare.

Previous to this latter there ^{were} ~~was~~ emitted on July 25, 1861, notes of inferior character for the value of 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 dollars, Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig. These offer many minor varieties. Besides the 5 dollar note of this series, which is very rare, four specimens of the celebrated 5 dollar note made by J. Manouvrier of New Orleans, are shown. This note has a printed back and the date July 25, is written in ink.

The next issue of September 2, 1861, forms a large series. The seven principal types of the 5 dollar denomination are shown. The three

varieties of the note showing a group of females with value in red, engraved by the Southern Bank Note Co.; the two varieties of the machinist seated note, engraved by Leggett Keatinge & Ball; the notes with portrait of Memminger in two colors, and one color with and without the name of Keatinge & Ball, and the poorer executed notes with portrait of Memminger and sailor beside cotton bales, first and second series, made by B. Duncan of Columbia, S. C; the large series with female seated on cotton bale printed by J. T. Paterson of Columbia, and the second series printed by J. T. Paterson & Co., as well as the same note printed by Hoyer & Ludwig of Richmond. There is also shown the rare Indian princess or negroes loading cotton note, lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig.

Nine types of the ten dollar notes are shown, these include the rare notes engraved by the Southern Bank Note Co, Leggett Keatinge & Ball and the two rare types of Hoyer & Ludwigs issues.

Of the 20 dollar bills the five principal types with their many variants are shown, including the rare engraved note by the Southern Bank Note Co., and the equally rare note in two colors by Hoyer & Ludwig with "for" written and printed.

The three types of 50 dollar bills are shown in all their varieties including a previously unknown variant of the type with the head of Jefferson Davis lithographed instead of engraved. A number of varieties of the 100 dollar bill are also displayed.

Both types of the interest bearing 100 dollar note of 1862 are ^{on view} shown in all their varieties. The other issues of this year are shown com-

plete, - namely the two types each of the 1 and 2 dollar notes of June 2, each in three series; the 10 dollar note of September 2, including the error with "Six Month"; and the innumerable varieties of the different denominations of the December issues.

The large issues of 1863 and 1864 are shown in detail with their many variants and numerous series and serial letters including the rare

100 dollar bill of small size.

In all, over six hundred bills are shown though the collection comprises over two thousand specimens of the Confederate governmental issues. This exhibition will continue during the greater part of the Summer.

No change has been made in the exhibitions on the main floor with the exception of the addition of several new acquisitions in the Mexican exhibit, and a number of interesting decorations including the very striking Chilean Order of Merit.

This Order was originally established by General Bernardo O'Higgins when head of the Chilean Government (1817 to 1823) and lasted for a short time only. At the time of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Chilean Independence, in 1910, the order was re-established, to be conferred upon foreigners only.

The decoration consists of a white enameled star suspended from the talons of a flying condor, well illustrating the immense wings of this great bird of the Andes.

The collection of Indian portrait medals by M. W. Sawyer has been increased by the loan, from Mr. Sawyer, of a second bronze casting from the original model, fifteen inches in diameter.

The 47th Volume of the American Journal of Numismatics has just been published and distributed to members and subscribers.

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June 28th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Will you kindly take off your list the name of
Mr. Alexander E. Orr, 107 Bowser Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.,
who died recently. Also change the address of Mr. Benjamin A. Howes, from 12 West 34th Street, to 75 Fifth
Avenue, New York.

Very truly yours,

Sept 20th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

~~Dear Sir:~~

After looking over the list of names of the following names:-

Mr. John Smith, 123 Broadway, New York.

Mr. John Doe, 114 - 115 West 12th Street, New York.

Mr. John Doe, 114 - 115 West 12th Street, New York.

D'Histoire et des Antiquites, Stockholm, Sweden.

Also take off of the list:-

Mr. John Doe, 114 - 115 West 12th Street, New York.

Very truly yours,

July 1910, 1911.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
4400 Fifth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I just read your interesting letter. You are about right when
you say that. I am inclined to the view of the conservation.

I believe however, the important thing is to be the same
conservation, and that the children should be in such a way.

Thank you for the use of the building for the purpose of
work in the future.

Please send the following new address:-

Dr. Edgar H. Adams, N. Y. City, N. Y.,
4400 Fifth Street, and please send me all the new papers
which you have.

Very sincerely yours,

Supplementing any exhibition or collection of coins, there should be a section devoted to primitives. Though not coins, on account of being unrefined and for the most part non-metallic, they, nevertheless, are money. Their use ^{in general} for the most part, have been among savage people, though in the case of the cowrie shell, this peculiar and humble medium of exchange has taken the place of small copper coins in lands where regular coins were made and used.

In entering the exhibition hall of the Society, the first series of goods certain stereotyped as primitive money. The different kinds of wampum used by the North American Indians are shown, these are small pierced cylindrical beads made from the shell of the hard clam or quahog. The unit of measure of these was a rattan, and a piece of this length is shown. Later the white settlers made this wampum, first of shell, then of bone, and later on clay when the product, that wampum was driven out of use in the Colonies. Specimens from the North Atlantic seaboard run a trifle larger and more uniform in size, ~~the~~ the silver shell, rounded rather than cylindrical. Some specimens shown from Georgia measure nearly an inch in diameter. The wampum of the Narraganset is long and narrow, purple in color, and is now very rare. There is also shown the small thin Wampum of the Navajos, some of both shell and turquoise. Other specimens on view come from California, similar to the cylindrical eastern Wampum, but much larger. In conjunction with the above are displayed large stone wampum from Mexico and small beads in strings, alternating black and white, from the Islands of the Southern Pacific as well as white beads from Tabago, closely resembling our own Wampum.

On the Pacific coast of our continent, the long pointed dentition shell, resembling a miniature tank, is used by certain tribes. Specimens of these are shown, as well as the large peculiar shaped rings cut from the large flat pearl shell which are used in the Solomon and Caroline Islands.

The cowrie shells or cypraea moneta, make an interesting study. These are found extensively in the Maldives Islands and certain islands in the Southern Pacific. Specimens from both places are in the case, those from the Fiji Islands appear to have a more pronounced yellow ring (no 1) than those from other localities. Their exportation, chiefly from the Maldives, has reached large proportions for centuries. These shells have been extensively used in East Africa, Arabia, India, China, and in fact, throughout all of the eastern countries. Their use dates back into remote antiquity, specimens have been found in the ruins of Nineveh and we know also from edicts and finds that their use in China dates back over twenty centuries before the

Christian era. Some specimens from a recent find in China are shown. These pieces are of great antiquity. As can be seen in the illustration (nos. 2 and 3) the tops have been carefully ground down, some showing the whole top of the shell removed, others only a small portion, this was undoubtedly for stringing. An interesting parallel is shown by some Chinese trawls in a similar manner (nos. 4 and 5) that came from East Africa where they were in use in recent times, these tops however, were simply broken and not ground down. The specimens shown were strung on a string made of rags.

Other interesting specimens from ancient China are the horn and copper substitutes. No. 6 shows the latter of a horn specimen. These were recently found in central China and are of the greatest interest in showing the hold this form of currency has upon the people of that day, for these were undoubtedly made for substitutes, during periods of scarcity of the real shell in a place far inland and far from the source of supply.

Anyone desiring to continue the subject will find additional information in William Gilbey's book, The Origin of Metallic Currency and Weight Standards, in J. Allen's account of the Coins of the Lillive Islands in the Numismatic Chronicle 1910, Part IV, and in M. A. Fausen's monographs on the Cowry Substitutes in ancient China in the Numismatic and Numismatic Journal of Japan, Vol. II no. 1 and Vol. III no. 1.

In the student of numismatics, the library of the Society is of as much, if not more, value than its collections, and the Society is glad to have all who are interested consult its books and catalogues.

Current catalogues, both American and foreign are accessible and a bulletin of acquisitions received is posted each week for easy reference to sales to be held.

Complete files of nearly all of the numismatic periodicals are on the shelves as well as a vast extensive collection of books relating to all branches of the subject.

July 22nd, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly take from the list of members of this Society the name of Mr. Christian G. Moritz, 272 West 139th Street, New York, Mr. Moritz died yesterday.

Very truly yours,

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My dear Mr. Belden,

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the inclosed envelope.

Sincerely yours,

Edg. Adams.

August 5th, 1914.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
447 a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Charles
P. Huntington, from 18 West 31st Street,, new York, to
15 West 31st Street, New York, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Aug. 6, 1914.

My dear Mr. Belden:

I am inclosing two dollars on account of the ten dollars each

of the American Numismatic Association, for the year 1914.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams.

August 7th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar L. Adams,
447 A State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Your letter of August 6th with order for
two pillars for twenty copies of the Declaration sent
you a short time ago, has just been received, and for
which please accept thanks.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

August 8th, 1914.

Mr. J. H. Jones,
111-113 West 11th St.

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

I have just been notified of the receipt of
your letter of the 1st inst. regarding the
loan of the book of the same name.

Very truly yours,

August 11th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Mr. William Nelson, 150-152 Market Street,
Paterson, N. J., one of our life members, has just died,
and I would be glad if you would take his name off of
the list of the members of this Society that you have.

Very truly yours,

August 1st, 1914.

Dr. Edgar A. Allen,
475 West 11th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Allen:-

I enclose only for the September Numismatist, which
issue will reach you in good season.

As the cost of the Society's Bulletin was 10 cents per
number, I thought it would be well to pay the Society's share of the
September number.

Very truly yours,

The exhibition of Mexican coins, medals and decorations, which has filled the centre cases on the main floor for a number of weeks, has been removed to give place to the current coins of the European countries that are now at war, with these, as a matter of interest, relating to a locality which has been the theatre of the first important operations, are twenty eight coins and tokens of Liege, dating from 1538 to 1752, Liege, previous to the time of Napoleon, having been an independent bishopric. In another case will be found examples of the decorations most highly prized by British and German soldiers:- The Victoria Cross of England and the Iron Cross of Prussia.

The wall cases, in the main exhibition room, contain the Society's permanent exhibition, illustrating contemporary medallist art. The medals, plaques and medallions comprising this exhibition are arranged under the names of the sculptors whose productions they are, and such of the best medallist work produced here and abroad is to be seen in these cases.

The American section has recently been re-arranged and many additional specimens have been added. These show that such really good medallist work is now being done in this country, and it is most gratifying to note how many of our prominent sculptors have, to a greater or less extent, turned their attention in this direction. The following sculptors are represented in the American section of the exhibition:-

Chester Beach

Victor D. Brenner

Richard E. Brooks

Roger Noble Burnham

Edith Woodman Burroughs

Henry K. Bush-Brown

Charles Calverley

Gail Sherman Corbett

Ringel D'Illzach

John Flanagan

James Earle Fraser

Daniel Chester French

Laura Gardin

J. Scott Hartley

James E. Kelly

Isidore Konti

E. Tait McKenzie

Frederick MacMonnies

Hermon A. MacNeil

Bela L. Pratt

J. Edouard Roine

Henning Ryden

Augustus Saint Gaudens

Edward W. Sawyer

Janet Scudder

Charles H. Shaw

J. M. Swanson

Carl E. Tefft

Elihu Vedder

Albert Weinert

Albert A. Weinman

Solomon Woolf

Louis Zoellner

Of the foreign section, the larger part is composed of modern French medals and plaques, beginning with a few medallions by David d'Angers who, though he died nearly sixty years ago, was so far in advance of his time, that it seemed but right that some of his work should form a part of the exhibit of contemporary medallist art. Two cases are devoted to the work of Roly, and the same space to Pottée, there is a case

full of the wonderful portraits by Chaplain and the other French medallists are well represented.

Next come medals and plaques by Belgian artists, followed by those of Holland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, Bohemia, Austria and England, and ending with a couple of examples of the first Japanese attempts at portrait medals.

August 27th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447 a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly take from your list of members of this Society, the name of Mr. Charles G. Dodd, of 52 Broadway, New York. Mr. Dodd died yesterday.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

September 2nd, 1914.

Mr. Roger E. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Will you kindly change the address of Mr. J. Sanford Gallus, from c/o M. Messrs. Hottelinger & Co., 55 rue de Province, Paris, France, to Hotel Seville, Madison Avenue & 20th Street, New York. I would be glad if you would send a copy of the September Nationalist to him at his New York address.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

September 11th, 191

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

If you have not already done so, I would be glad if you would take from the list of members of the Society, the name of Mr. S. S. Crosby, 48 West Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,

September 17th, 1914. .

Mr. F. B. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the article for the October
Numismatist. As the Society's seal was used in the Un-
ioner number, we will use the cut of the building in
this one.

I also enclose a short article on the Chinese
Coins of Tibet, which Mr. Wood asked me to send to you.

With kindest regards, and hoping to see you so-
nere before long, I am,

Very truly yours,

In connection with The American Numismatic Society's exhibition of the current coins of the countries now at war, which was mentioned in the September Numismatist a case has been devoted to decorations of these countries, selected from the Society's collection.

Some of these decorations are exclusively military, others are awarded to civilians as well. Military decorations have been selected when possible.

The great ambition of the British soldier or sailor is to receive the Victoria Cross, which was established in 1856, and is awarded for "conspicuous bravery or devotion to the country in the presence of the enemy". Two specimens are exhibited, one for the navy, which is suspended from a blue ribbon, and the other for the army, the ribbon of which is red.

According to accounts which have appeared in recent newspapers, the Emperor of Germany has revived the Prussian Iron Cross, and has awarded it to a number of officers and soldiers who have distinguished themselves in the present war.

The Iron Cross was established in 1813 by the King of Prussia, as a reward for personal bravery in the war with Napoleon. It bears the initials F. W. (for Frederick William III) and the date 1813, with a blank reverse.

At the time of the Franco-Prussian war, the Iron Cross was re-established, the design being changed by the addition of the initial W (for William I) and the date, 1870, on the reverse. Those exhibited are one of the first class of 1813 and one of the second class of 1870, and with them is the Prussian Order of the Red Eagle, fourth class. This Order was established in 1705, and is second in rank of Prussian Orders.

With the exception of a few comparatively recent Austrian medals, the German decorations are awarded by the various principalities, not by the Empire. There are a large number of these decorations, one each has been selected of the three other German Kingdoms, Bavaria, Saxony and Wurtemberg.

As neither of the military orders of Bavaria are in the Society's collection, the cross for twenty five years military service has been placed in the exhibition.

The military decoration of Saxony is the Order of St. Henry, this not being in the Society's collection, the civil order of Albert the Valorous is exhibited.

For Wurtemberg is shown the Order of Olga, which was established in 1871 by King Charles X in honor of Queen Olga. While it was founded as an order for women it is bestowed, for special services in the field, on either sex.

The celebrated French Order of the Legion of Honor was founded by Napoleon in 1802, being first known as the Order of the Eagle, and it has remained, up to the present time, the principal French decoration. Originally it bore the portrait of Napoleon in the centre of a Maltese cross with five arms, Louis XVIII changed it by substituting the portrait of Henry IV, which was continued until the second Republic - 1848 - when the portrait of Napoleon, as First Consul, appeared on it to be followed by Napoleon as Emperor, similar to the design of the First Empire, during the reign of Napoleon III. With the establishment of the Third Republic the word "Republique Française", similar to that on the coins of the same period, replaced the portrait of Napoleon, and the cross, from which the cross was suspended gave place to a wreath. The specimen exhibited is the

officer's cross of the Third Republic.

Russia is represented by the Military Order of St. George (Fifth Class) which was established by the Empress Catherine II in 1769.

The Order of Leopold of Belgium is both civil and military. It was founded by Leopold I in 1832. The military decoration of the fourth class is exhibited.

There are two purely military orders of Austria-Hungary:- The Order of Maria Theresa and the Order of Elizabeth Theresa, neither of which is in the Society's collection. The Order of Francis Joseph was instituted, by Francis Joseph, in 1846 as a reward of distinguished merit in all classes. The third class decoration is exhibited.

Luxemburg has one order, The Order of the Oak Crown, founded by William II of the Netherlands in 1841 for all classes of society. The decoration of the fourth class is on exhibition.

Servia is represented by the Order of Takova, fourth class, which was instituted in 1868 on the fiftieth anniversary of the war of Servian Independence, and was named after the village of Takova where the Serbs took up arms in 1813.

There being no military order of Montenegro, the civil order of Danilo the First, fourth class, is exhibited. This order was established by Prince Danilo I in 1862.

Japan concludes the list with the Order of the Golden Kite, seventh class, which was instituted in 1891.

In selecting these decorations for exhibition, in most cases, where the Society had more than one, that of the lower class was taken because the decorations of the lower classes are more apt to be awarded to the rack and file, and the object of the exhibition is to show as far as possible what decorations might be conferred upon those at present engaged in the war. The Society's entire collection of decorations and war medals is on exhibition at all times, and those that were not selected and placed in this special case may be seen in the cases that are regularly provided for them.

The coins of the German province of Kiao Chao in China have ^{also} been added to the exhibit. These consist of 5 and 10 cent pieces in nickel. The obverse shows the Imperial German Eagle with the inscription in German while the reverse bear simply Chinese legends.

Of especial interest is the new emergency paper money issued in France and England early in August. The British notes are for ten shillings and one pound, the former in red, the latter in black. They are printed from ordinary process plates on common water marked paper and show by every feature the great hurry in which they were issued. Probably they will soon be retired in place of more carefully executed notes as counterfeiting would be a simple matter. These notes were issued by the Government, which heretofore has not issued paper money, the Bank of England previously performing this function. The notes show a small portrait of King George as on the postage stamps. This is in an ornamental scroll at the left. Across the centre in a panel is ONE POUND and at the right behind the panel £ 1. The wording which is at the top is as follows: "These Notes are Legal Tender for a payment of any amount. Issued by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury under Authority of Act of Parliament."

The French notes were issued by the Bank of France and are for 5 francs and 20 francs. They present about the same appearance as the previous higher denomination notes. In fact these notes had been printed for some time but had not been put in circulation.

September 17, 1914.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

On the second from the bottom line of the second page of the article that I sent you this morning, the inscription on the British notes should read:- "These Notes are a Legal Tender, &c". I think that in the copy that I sent you this was put in to read:- "These Notes are Legal Tender, &c". If that is the case, will you make the correction.

Very truly yours,

September 18, 1914.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have just discovered an error in the article sent you yesterday. The Victoria Cross was established in 1856 not 1857. Will you kindly make that correction, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

September 19, 1914.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I suppose you will think that I will never get through correcting the manuscript sent you the other day. On the first page, third line from the bottom, "Republic Francaise" should read "Republique Francaise".

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

Waterville, Sept. 1894.

Mr. John H. Adams,
417 1/2 State Street,
Franklin, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

The proof has just been received, and I am
returning it herewith with a few corrections. You
are obliged to me for sending it.

Very sincerely yours,

October 1st, 1914.

Mr. Edgar B. Adams,
1174 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Mr. Joseph L. Lee, Editor League Club, N. Y.,
a member of this Society, died last January, and I would
be glad to see you at the time of the next
meeting of this Society.

Very sincerely yours,

October 1st, 1914.

Mr. Edgar W. Adams,
147a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Mr. Joseph E. Lee, Union League Club, N. Y.,
a member of this Society, died 1881, and I would
like to see you and his family and the rest of the family
of this Society.

Very sincerely yours,

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Oct. 10, 1914.

Dear Mr. Pelden:

Many thanks for the Numismatists, which reached me this morning.

I am inclosing a check for same ~~in~~ for two dollars.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Oct. 8, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Will you kindly oblige me with twenty copies of the August, 1914, Numismatist?

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams

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Oct. 10, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Many thanks for the Numismatists, which reached me this morning.

I am inclosing a check for same ~~of~~ for two dollars.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams.

October 14th, 1944.

Mr. Edgar M. Adams,
447A State Street,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have your letter of October 10th and enclose
for you fifteen (15) copies of the "Providence Journal"
you asked for, and I will send you more if you
want them.

October 17th, 1918.

Mr. E. C. Jones,
1075 Lincoln Street,
Chicago, Ill.
Dear Mr. Jones:

I enclose herewith a copy of our article in the November issue of the
University of Illinois Journal for your review.

We are not concerned as to the results of the review, but it will be
in position to report on it at our November meeting.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

*Copy of article
in Mr. Woods file*

October 28rd, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly add to the list of members of this Society, the following:-

Mr. A. Eugene Britton, 28 State Street, East Orange, New Jersey.
Dr. George P. French, 15 Clifton Street, Rochester, New York.
Mr. John E. Gardin, 55 Wall Street, New York.
Mr. Heinrich Hirsch, Lenbachplatz-4, Munich, Germany.
Mr. Fred E. Merritt, 45 Calumet Street, Rochester, New York.
Mr. Harry R. Montgomery, 31 Erie County Park Building, Buffalo, New York.

Also change the following:-

Mrs. Agnes Baldwin to Mrs. Agnes Baldwin Brett, 494 West 118th Street, N. Y.
Mr. George V. Pratt, 1131 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, to 404 West 118th Street,
New York.
Mr. F. C. C. Boyd, 439 Manhattan Avenue, New York, to 364 Academy Street, N. Y.
Mr. Henry Clay Ezekiel, 334 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, to 704 Provident Bank
Building, S.E. Corner 7th & Vine Street, Cincinnati, O.
Mr. Rudolph Kohler, 78 Washington Place, New York, to 20 Fifth Avenue, New York.
Johan Emanuel Larsson, c/o Stora Sallskogen, Stockholm, Sweden, to Olofsson
W. Lagergren, Rosall, Hiltsgård, Örebro, Sweden.
Mr. Daniel Parish, Jr., 13 West 18th Street, New York, to San Remo Hotel, 71st
Street & Central Park West, New York.
Rev. Dr. William Hayes Ward, Newark, New Jersey, to South Berwick, Maine.

Very truly yours,

October 27th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly take from the list of members of this Society the name of Mr. J. Hull Browning, 189 Chambers Street, New York. Mr. Browning died yesterday.

Very truly yours,

November 11th, 1911.

Mr. E. H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

As promised you yesterday I am sending you herewith the proceedings of the meeting of November 2nd with the exception of the paper by Dr. Moritz Wormser, which has not yet been received. Mr. Wormser's paper follows Mr. Dodd's and you will see indicated in the copy.

The Society's page in the December Numismatist should have been cut of the building. It might also be well to remove the name of Mr. Clarence G. Dodd from the list of Members of the Council. Mr. Dodd's successor has not, as yet, been elected. Should a successor be elected before the December number goes to press, I will advise you as to the name, otherwise it should be left out.

In accordance with the promise Mr. Wormser's paper any day now, and I will forward it to you as soon as I get it.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

THE NUMISMATIST

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The American Numismatic Association

EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Nov. 16.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I am writing you of your ~~letter~~ ^{letter} of the 10th. It will not be necessary to return the copy that would like to have the pfs. soon as possible. I have ordered the extra set of pfs. and will forward them soon as I receive them.

Truly yours
Edgar H. Adams

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New York, November 2nd, 1914.

*was held at 2:30 P.M.
in the Library
of the American Numismatic Society*

A special meeting of the American Numismatic Society was held at 2.30 P. M., Mr. Henry Russell Browne, one of the Governors, presiding.

The Chairman stated that the meeting was called for the discussion and exhibition of Siege Coins of Europe, and spoke briefly of the various wars during which siege coins were issued.

The following papers were then read:†

In the course of war it has been found necessary to strike special money on account of the exigencies of the time.

These may be divided into several classes:

1] Pieces struck by the people besieged in a city. These are called obsidional coins from the Latin ~~obsidio~~ = Siege.

Pieces struck by the besiegers, and are generally known as ^{field} Camp coins.

Pieces struck by the victors, either after the beleaguers have been driven from the city or by the besiegers after they have captured the city.

Pieces struck by the vanquished as tribute to the conquerors.

Pieces struck by one country or the other to pay the troops.

Pieces struck by a city or country hard pressed by war. This is generally known as necessity money.

All of these may be of two classes, metallic or paper money. In most ~~of~~ cases they are issued at an enhanced value and only pass current during the time of duress.

Their shapes vary greatly. More often square rather than round, largely made by punches rather than dies, and for the most part crude. Necessity money of ^{some sort} ~~this class~~ dates back to Greek and Roman days. There are also scattered examples ~~of this sort~~ during the early middle ages.

The Emperor Frederick II. in his Italian wars, in 1242-1247, caused copper coins to be struck. Of the modern series probably the first true obsidional pieces were struck at the little village of L'Ecluse by order of Philip of Cleves, during the minority of Philip le Beau, ^{silver and gold pieces were then made, dated 1441 and 1447, but no specimens are known.} ~~are known.~~

The obsidional pieces of 1495 of Louis of Orleans during the siege of Novara are unfortunately false. Contemporary accounts state that the siege coins were struck at the time, and, as no pieces were known, somebody at a later time tried to supply the demand.

The 16th century produced some of the greatest rulers of history

and all phases of civilization made most astonishing advances, both in Europe and the Orient. Charles V. of the ^{Holy} Roman ^{Empire}, Francis I. of France, Henry VIII, and Elizabeth of England, Pope Leo X, Vasili Ivanovich the founder of the Russian power, Sigismund of Poland, Shah Ismail of Persia, the Moghul Emperor Akbar, and Suleyman the Magnificent of Turkey.

Charles V. is especially concerned in the earliest siege pieces. In 1521 he became involved in a dispute with Francis I. over Spain. Tournai was one of the French cities attacked by the Count of Nassau, and issued siege coins in 1521. These were of both silver and copper, and look more like jetons than coins. They have the arms of Tournai, a chateau or tower, and the legend in old French, "God give us peace and finally his grace." The siege lasted four months.

The next piece struck was at Pavia, where Antoine de Leiva, commanding the Imperial forces of Charles V. ^{was} ~~were~~ besieged by the French. Gold and silver were struck, some bearing 1524 C E S (Cesarei), P P (Papiae), O B (Obsessa), (Imperial forces besieged at Pavia), others, A L 1524, the initials of Antoine de Leiva. This is probably the first instance of the word Obsessa or Obsidio.

~~(Novara pieces)~~

~~(Francis I. was made prisoner here in 1525)~~

Two years later similar pieces were issued at Cremona, when the Imperial forces under Charles V. were besieged there by the ~~French~~ forces under Clement VII, Francis I., the troops of Venice and other allies. *The pieces were very different from the inscription 1525 CES CRE OB.*

The next year Clement VII. was in turn besieged at Rome by the forces of Charles V. under Frundsberg and Charles of Bourbon. The Duke of Bourbon lost his life in an assault, but his place was taken by the Prince of Orange. The city of Rome was taken on May 24 amid terrible plundering by the troops. The Pope with 30 Cardinals took refuge in the castle of St. Angelo. Here the siege pieces were struck. A ransom of 4000,000 ducats was demanded of the Pope, and probably this money was used in part to pay this. The pieces are lozenge shaped, and have either the portrait or arms of the Pope on one side and the adoration of the ^{Maggi} ~~magi~~ St Peter and

St Paul on the other side.

In 1525 the French under Lautrac attacked Charles V at Naples. The Viceroys de Moncada and the Prince of Orange hastened to Naples to defend the city. Admiral Doria blockaded the port with 8 galleys. During the four months of the siege, Scudos and 1/2 Scudos, bearing on one side arms, and on the other SCUTO R or M SCUTO R. These pieces were finally assigned to this siege of Naples by M. A. Sambon, the R standing for Louis Ram, Count of Sant-Agata, Director of the mint at Naples during the siege. In the meantime Simon Romain sieged the castle of Cosenza and caused the siege of Catanzaro. The Imperial forces in the City struck a copper piece bearing on obverse a double-headed eagle and CAROLUS IMP, on reverse, OBSESSO CATHANZARIO 1528.

The first siege of Vienna is especially interesting. A number of causes led up to this. The growing Turkish interests in Hungarian affairs, encouraged by Francis I. and the need of supplying sufficient booty to the Janissaries, led Suleyman in 1526 northward, where he met the Hungarians under Louis II, and totally defeated them at Mohács. The result of this battle made Hungary a Turkish province for 140 years and caused two rival claimants for the Hungarian throne on account of the death of Louis. Ferdinand of Austria, younger brother of Charles V, had married Louis' sister, and, there being no heir to the Hungarian throne, Ferdinand claimed it. As Suleyman now controlled most of Hungary, he naturally had a claimant, John Zapolya Waiwode of Transylvania, who has withheld his help from Hungary at the battle of Mohács. This brought a Civil War, and Suleyman had to interfere. He came on with a quarter of a million men. In September, 1529, he took Ofen, or Buda. Pesth, then Comorn, Raab, Altenburg, Brück, and other cities fell. Austria was thoroughly alarmed, and began to make frantic haste to defend herself. Ferdinand begged the Emperor to help, but only a few thousand men were sent, after much delay. The best that could be done was to defend the capital. This was in a poor state of defense; the walls were inadequate, and stockades, earthworks and new walls were quickly put up. The suburbs were destroyed

and the wooden shingles were taken from the houses to prevent conflagra-
tions. Everyone not needed in Vienna was driven out so as to prevent
starvation. In the meantime the Turks had been approaching, destroying
the country. On the 27th of September the Sultan and his army reached
the city and soon enveloped it. The defense put up by the Germans and
Austrians under the Count of Salm was really remarkable. So great indeed
that the Turks abandoned it on Oct. 14, Seventeen days after they began
it. Despite this short time a large number of siege coins were struck
in gold and silver. They are lozenge shaped and bear either the head
of Ferdinand or his arms. The full inscription reads TURCK BLEGERT
WIENN DEN XVIII TAG SEPTEMBER ANNO D 1529. I think that these pieces
were struck even after the siege was abandoned, as the country was
badly ravaged and dire necessity pressed on the Viennese for some time.

Oct. 14 is a famous day in German history. Not only was the first
siege of Vienna abandoned on this day, but it is the anniversary of the
peace of Westphalia and of Vienna, the battles of Hochkirchen, Jena and
Leipzig and of the capture of Ulm.

~~Another interesting sieges occurred a few years later.~~

Charles II. of Savoy became involved in war with the King of France.

After he lost Turin he was obliged to ^{leave} Vercelli, which was soon besieged.
Obidional coins were struck there in 1534. In 1543 a combined French
and Turkish fleet besieged Nice. These operations were still part of
the war against Charles V. and his allies. The King of France had called
in other help and had made alliance with Suleyman II. of Turkey, and the
French fleet was aided by the celebrated Turkish Admiral Kheir Eddin, ~~bett~~
better known as Barbarossa. The besieged struck coins in gold and silver,
they had on the obverse KROLVS . II D. SABAVDI and on the reverse, NIC .
A. TURC ET . GAL . OBS . 1543.

From this time on siege coins became more and more general. The
long and hard wars of the Dutch against the Spaniards in the Low Countries
furnish us with a number of interesting pieces. These begin with the
siege of Valenciennes in 1567, and continued at frequent intervals to 1814

in the siege of Antwerp. At least (5) sieges alone are recorded to poster by the issue of obsidional coins, involving (30) different cities. Gold, silver, copper, brass, and lead were used and in the siege of Leyden the leaves of books were pasted together and stamped into money. The coins made from the precious metals were often the silver and gold plate, and vessels and ornaments of the churches and townspeople.

In the siege of Amsterdam in 1578 there were two styles of money issued, according to whether the silver came from the St. Nicholas statue or from the silver vessels of the new church.

The German series began with the issues of the Anabaptists held in Munster and continued down to the end of Napoleon's time. In France the series begins early, as we noticed in the siege of Tournai in 1521.

The wars carried on in the Low Countries by Louis XIII. and Louis XIV. and

The French Revolution caused a number of siege pieces. These were in Germany, the Low Countries, Italy, Spain, Poland, Switzerland, and Dalmatia. The Spaniards have had very few siege pieces, but a large number of necessity coins. Italy has had a number since the earliest times, as well as Austria, Hungary, Transylvania, and Poland. The disturbances of 1848 caused a few obsidional issues, and the Franco-Prussian war was responsible for a number of paper issues. The Scandinavian countries have had a few examples, but most of their issues are more strictly necessity coins. The English series is very interesting, and is confined chiefly to the periods of Charles I. and James II.

Europe has not had a monopoly on obsidional issues. Oran has had its siege money, and more recently, the paper issues of Gordon at Khartoum, shown by Dr. Nies last year, and the South African issues during the Boer War, represented here by a Mafeking siege note of 10 shillings. On this continent the siege issues are represented by some of the Latin-American countries such as the Coquimbo and Copiapo pieces, and possibly some Mexican pieces, and the east by some Chinese issues and the siege of Manila in 1828.

Probably the days of siege coins are over, as investments and captures of Cities seem by the present way to be only a matter of a few days. We have, however, examples of emergency paper issues of different European countries in one of the cases here.

BY MR. MORITZ WORMSER

Mr. Wormser's
Journal

WHEREAS, at the Annual Meeting of the American Numismatic and Archaeological Society, held on the 16th day of March, 1891, a resolution was unanimously adopted in favor of securing a house for the use of the Society, and of raising the sum of \$50,000 for that purpose. And, whereas the following members of the Society, namely: Messrs. Andrew C. Zabriskie, H. Russell Drowne, Herbert Valentine, Charles Pryer, William Poillon and Daniel Parish, Jr., were at said meeting appointed a Committee for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions towards such society house.

Now, we, the undersigned, hereby subscribe the sums set opposite our respective names here below, it being understood that our subscriptions shall only be binding upon us when the sum of \$40,000 is subscribed, and that such subscriptions shall be due and payable three months after said sum is subscribed (on notification from the Treasurer of the Society), or at such other time as may be specified by a subscriber in connection with his subscription.

And, when the amount of \$40,000 is payable, it shall be deposited at interest in one of the Trust Companies in New York City, until, in the discretion of the committee, a suitable house has been obtained.

Antwerp
This city has recently engaged the attention of the world. It aptly comes within the subjects treated of this evening, as it has figured in no less than nine sieges, in three of which issues of money for necessity purposes occurred.

In order to understand its rapid rise in wealth and why it has been made the victim of frequent invasions, it is necessary to recapitulate briefly its early history.

The operations of the Northern hordes were not systematic. They were scattered over a wide space and lasted intermittently for a long term of years. They began about 823. In 844 the abbot of Saint-Wandville, ~~from whose letter structure~~ *Antwerp has been built* ~~lay~~ *the* rhetoric of the ~~Normans~~ was burned. Paris fell in 865. Six years later a Viking army or mob burned Antwerp, Ghent and other cities. Evidently they felt in love with the region even as they destroyed it. For soon after many of them settled there.

Although Antwerp was an inhabited community from a very early period, the formal title of city was given first in 960, by Emperor Otto II. of Germany. By 1000 it had acquired a population of 200,000.

~~Antwerp the town~~. At the time of the Crusades the town formed one of the principal bulwarks of the Germans against the colonies of Flanders, and its first claim to historic prominence was under the marriage of Godfrey de Bouillon in the eleventh century. Three hundred years later Edward III of England made the town a temporary headquarters.

1150-15 World Trade Centre.

In 1505 Antwerp had a marked increase of commercial prosperity. Venice had been controlling much of the eastern trade and she held the "Oriental" wares brought by her argosies at a high price. But the Portuguese merchants began to bring their goods to Antwerp and won a market by underbidding their Venetian rivals who used Bruges as a distributing centre for Eastern imports.

At this time the Netherlands were a loosely related group of provinces, including duchies such as Luxemburg, counties such as Holland and margravates among which Antwerp was one of the chief. Charles V. came to the throne the year after Antwerp's new commercial prosperity began. He ruled with a strong hand and took away many ancient privileges from the cities.

Nevertheless the seaport grew in population and wealth with amazing rapidity. Its foreign and domestic commerce were equally flourishing.

Naturally, with the growth of trade, banking also flourished and every nation of Europe had its financial representatives at Antwerp. Her citizens had enough for themselves and poured millions into the royal treasury.

Religious disagreements joined with political discontent to make trouble. In 1565 King Philip issued an order for

the severe enforcement of the edict against heresy. This added fuel to the hatred of the population. In 1566 mobs arose in many places. They took out and destroyed all the images, relics and artistic treasures from the cathedral at Antwerp. ~~There were honest protests.~~

A notorious period followed. Philip sent through the region the Duke of Alba, who had been appointed to order the execution of 18,000 victims. William of Orange opposed him as a winning success. France had appeared to be friendly, but the massacre of St. Bartholomew proved that hope vain.

Alba, in spite of his cruelty, had not subdued the Netherlands for his royal master. He was opposed by the ~~citizens, who died of a fever.~~ The Spanish soldiers had learned to think of war as a trade rather than an expression of nationalism. Upon failure to collect their wages they mutinied and ran riot through the land. In November, 1576, they entered Antwerp and began to glut their lust upon the piled up treasure of her prosperous years. This was the episode of the "Spanish Fury." ~~Spain, Europe, and Africa were in a state of the day. Thousands of de-~~

Yet in spite of this terrible experience the city did not lose courage. In nine years it had recovered and rebuilt itself enough so that its people thought it

(Alessandro Farnese)

worth fighting for when Alexander of Parma laid siege to it with 20,000 infantry and 17,000 cavalry. This was in 1585. ~~Meanwhile, William of Orange had been assassinated and the forces within the town had as little hope of aid from without as had the men of old days.~~

If the citizens had been willing to flood their town they might have saved it. But this they would not do. Parma went to the River Scheldt and built a bridge from Liefkenhoek to Lillo, which enabled him to place his forces between the city and the sea. While the bridge was being constructed ships from the harbor brought an attacking force which hindered Parma but did not stop him. He surrounded the city and besieged it for six months. Surrender followed. This time, however, the invaders were under control and spared the persons and property of the conquered. Antwerp got off with a fine.

It is during this campaign that the first distinctive siege or necessity money was made.

They consist of the Daalder, called Philip's daalder, from the portrait of Philip II, which they bore. They were divided into the half and quarter. There were other pieces called Robustus daalders, from the inscription on them, - Confortare et esto robustus. Be encouraged and be strong. Have a bold heart and a strong arm. In 1593 another curious siege coin was used; this is the piece of 5 patards specially struck for the payment of the soldiers.

A patard

The denomination was common in Brabant at this time and the equivalent of the Dutch stuyver.

The derivation is probably from the old French petard, a kind of bomb, and if so, is rather appropriate, as in some cases delineations of a bursting bomb are affixed to the sides of the armorial bearings on these little coins.

4 The capture of Antwerp by Spain at this time practically completed the subjection of the Netherlands. Commercial supremacy passed to Amsterdam. It was not until a comparatively recent period that Antwerp began to regain her ancient position as a great seaport.

7 There were more sieges. In

1748 the French took possession of the city after a fortnight's siege. Two parallels were formed and mortar batteries were planted. The city forts answered the fire, but no sallies were made.

Two years later the alien forces left Antwerp, in accordance with the treaty of Aix-la-Chapelle. In 1792 another French army advanced upon the city. The little garrison of 2,000 refused to surrender the citadel, though the gates of the town were thrown open by the authorities. In order to spare the people of the town the General and his officers decided to besiege the fortress on its strongest side. The Belgians first opened fire on the intrenched foe. A battery of ten guns answered and, later another joined in the firing. In a few hours the fort was surrendered.

No special coins were issued for these occasions, but in the years 1814-15, when the city was blockaded by the allies, copper pieces of 10 and 15 centimes appeared, bearing the respective initials or monogram of Napoleon I. and Louis XVIII. These you see on exhibition here to-day. There are numerous minor varieties, one of them apparently made from a composition which resembles the gun-metal of the Irish siege coins.
mint mark
The ~~M.M.~~ on these coins is a hand.

This siege ended by the surrender of the city to

~~General Carnot~~ General Carnot. It was then included in the Netherlands and began to regain a part of its old prominence. In the revolution of 1830, however, the town lost all that it had gained and was made the target of the Dutch artillery. Two years later it was besieged and captured by the French.

And turned over to the Belgians

The present siege may be productive of new necessity coins. In a cable from London dated last Wednesday, we are informed that at Rheims during the bombardment, owing to the scarcity of money, the municipality issued a curious emergency currency like theatre tickets.

It is therefore not too sanguine a hope that in Antwerp we may see
a similar situation.

Mr. Niklewicz, who had been asked to remark upon siege coins of Poland and Hungary, then stated that because of the length of the paper last read, on the pieces of Germany, he felt obliged to speak briefly.

He stated that although the coins and medals of Poland, Hungary, and Transylvania were of particular interest to him, yet on account of the general rudeness of siege ^{and} necessity pieces, he made no special effort to secure them.

He described the siege coins of Dantzic in 1577, when besieged by Stephen Bathori of Poland, as being among the most artistic of these coins.

Dantzic was a ^{free} ~~fine~~ city under the protection of Poland, and when Henry of France elected King of Poland, succeeding to the throne of France, upon the death of his brother Charles IX, hastily returned to France, Stephen of the noted Bathori family of Transylvania, was elected King. Dantzic, having refused allegiance, unless first assured of its rights, so incensed Stephen, that he laid siege ^{to the city in September} July 15, 1576. He was obliged to raise the siege July 15, 1577, ^{15,} ~~from~~ out again invested the city ^{September} on August 27. He again abandoned the siege ~~July~~ 6, 1577. The city, however, was obliged to declare its allegiance and to pay 200,000 florins, to pay the garrison and for its subsistence. Pieces were struck from antique silver images of the ^{from} Saints and vases.

These coins were struck in three values: (on the large crown piece we see a half-length figure of Christ holding globe and cross, surrounded by the legend; DEFENDE NOS CHRISTE SALVATOR (Defend us, Christ, Saviour). On the other side, we see the arms of Dantzic, supported by lions and date 1577, around, MONETA NOVA CIVITATIS GEDANENSIS. (New money of the city of Dantzic). There is also the small billon gros, and the ducat, with designs nearly similar, all quite artistic in design.

Mr. Niklewicz then spoke briefly of the continual wars in Hungary and Transylvania, and exhibited the uniface so-called field thaler of John II. Zapolya, whose father, John Zapolya, warred upon Ferdinand I. and

upon whose death, ^{Ferdinand's successor,} John II. was opposed to Maximilian. It was found upon examining these coins, that those of 1565 were struck from several differing dies. The Transylvanians generally ~~had the assistance of, and were under~~ the protection of the Turks, which explains the presence of the star and crescent upon these pieces. We find ~~this piece~~ dated ~~also~~ 1562.

Particular attention was called to the beautiful Polish gold coins exhibited by Mr. Frey: (One of these is a three-ducat piece of Stanislaus Augustus, 1794, and is of most artistic beauty. This coin bears the last portrait of Stanislaus Augustus, and the legend STANISLAUS AUG. D. G. REX POL. M. D. L. On its reverse we see the arms of the kingdom, which includes the Polish eagle, the Lithuanian horseman, and under, the bull, the mark of the King's family. These are enclosed in a laurel wreath surrounded by a crown. At top the date, 1794; below the value 3: on each side AUREUS POLONIAE. Although the regular coin of the nation, it is said that patriotic women of Poland contributed their jewelry, etc., to supply gold for their coinage.

The other of Mr. Frey's coins is a gold ducat of the Polish revolution of 1831, designed after the coins of Holland, bearing the standing armored knight on one side, and on the other the usual legend in a square. This ducat bears a small Polish eagle on its obverse which identifies it as Polish. It is supposed to have been made from wedding rings.

There ^{are} various other siege and necessity pieces of these countries, some quite artistic in design. ~~but time prevented further remarks on this phase of our subject.~~

Owing, no doubt, to a great extent, to its fortunate geographical position, England has not, for many centuries, been called upon to withstand sieges by other countries, but for all that we have a few interesting English siege coins, issued because Englishmen were besieged by their own countrymen.

These coins were produced during the civil wars, which resulted in the defeat and execution of Charles I.

Among the best-known siege coins are the lozenge-shaped pieces of Newark, of the value of half crown, shilling, and nine pence, and bearing the dates of 1643 and 1646 and the six pence of 1646 only.

Newark was besieged a number of times during the war, and was finally surrendered, by order of Charles, on May 8th, 1646.

I notice that, outside of the collection exhibited by the Society, the only Newark coins shown this evening belong to three Jerseymen, which leads me to remark that the Newark in question is not the one in New Jersey.

Pontefract Castle was also besieged a number of times, during the last siege, which was begun in 1643, by Cromwell in person. Shillings were struck having C.R. crowned on the obverse and a castle on the reverse; there are two varieties of these, both of which are in the Society's exhibit.

The siege of Pontefract lasted until after the execution of Charles I, which occurred on the 30th of January, 1649, and there is a later issue of shillings bearing the name of Charles II, but curiously enough the date 1643 was still used. There are two varieties of these; there is also one specimen of each variety known to exist in gold. With the exception of these and a single gold specimen of Colchester, all the British siege coins are of silver.

Other British siege coins are of Beeston Castle, which surrendered, after a long siege, in 1645.

Carlisle, besieged from October, 1644, until June, 1645.

Scarborough, surrendered in 1645, after a siege lasting over a year.

Colchester captured by Lord Fairfax, in August, 1646, after a siege of eleven weeks.

The Irish necessity money of Charles I, coined during the Irish Rebellion 1642-1647, hardly comes under the head of siege coins, having been issued, in most cases, to pay the troops sent to suppress the rebellion; they are of silver and copper, with a very few in gold, and are rude in design; a number of specimens in silver are on exhibition.

The rebels also struck coins, being quick to follow the example set by the Crown.

The reading of papers was followed by an informal discussion of the subject, remarks being made by Mr. David Proskey, Rev. Dr. James E. Nies, and others, after which the meeting adjourned to inspect the exhibits, which were as follows:

Mr. Charles H. Imhoff, One hundred and fifty-one siege coins, sixty-six being of the Low Countries, which included some nice pieces of the siege of Amsterdam in 1678 and of Audenarde in 1582. The English series was represented by twelve pieces, including a choice set of the Ormonde Money. Thirty-nine coins were shown of the German series, noteworthy, being some rare Gotha pieces, including a square gold ducat of 1567. The siege of Braunau was especially well represented by a set of ten pieces in silver and tin. Other series were ^{shown} represented by thirty-four specimens, including a ten-shilling note of the siege of Mafeking in 1900.

Mr. A. R. Frey, ^{German} Eleven gold pieces, chiefly of Germany and Poland, several being of the issues of Gustavus Adolphus.

Mr. Nehemiah Vreeland, Twenty-six coins, including two especially interesting Transylvania pieces.

Mr. Frank G. Duffield, Twenty-nine specimens, including two varieties of the Leyden paper money of 1574 and a set of curious tokens showing the high prices obtained in the markets during the siege of Paris in 1871.

Mr. Rudolph Kohler, Twenty-four pieces illustrating the campaigns of the French Revolution and Napoleon.

Mr. David Proskey, One hundred and seventeen specimens, fifty-nine of which were of the Low Countries. Noteworthy, were the fine and full series of Maestricht and Antwerp. The German, English, and French series were well rounded out. One piece of especial interest ^{was} is a copper coin with inscription in Greek struck by Mahemmed II, on his entry into Constantinople.

The American Numismatic Society, ^{its} One hundred and fifty-seven coins from ^{its} own collection, seventy of which were from the Low Countries. These included a number of ^{varieties} nice pieces of the siege of Groningen in 1672. The German series included fifty-two specimens, the Landau, the Vienna and the Transylvania coins being the most noteworthy. The Napoleonic Wars were represented by twenty-seven coins, and of the English series two Pontefract Castle pieces afforded the most interest.

Bauman L. Belden
Secretary.

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

NOV. 18, 1914.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am inclosing check for ten copies of The Numismatist, which reached me this morning. Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

November 21st, 1814.

Mr. Roger W. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the report of to-day's
meeting.

Very sincerely yours,-

November 21st, 1891.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Rev. Dr. Milo H. Bates, from Audubon Park, New York, to 240 West 150th Street, New York,, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Thursday evening, the 26th

Dear Mr. Belden,

I have just received the pps. by special
delivery, and am sending you a copy. Please return
it to me as soon as you possibly can. (read with
returning)

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams

A regular meeting of the American Numismatic Society was held at 230 E. 4th St., Mr. Henry Russell Browne, one of the Governors, presiding.

After the readings and approval of the minutes of the meetings of September and November 2nd, the following reports were presented:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

To the Members of The American Numismatic Society:

Your Council would report that since the meeting of April 17th, the following associate members have been elected:—

Mr. William Rutger Britton, East Orange, N. J.

Dr. George P. French, Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. John E. Gardin, New York.

Mr. Heinrich Hirsch, Munich, Germany.

Mr. Fred E. Merritt, Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. Harry E. Montgomery, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Silas Wodell, New York.

Mr. Emerson MacMillin of New York has become a Patron of the Society.

The Society has lost, by death, the following members:—

May 24, Stephen D. Peet, Corresponding Member, January 20, 1888.

June 2, Alexander E. Orr, Life Member, February 16, 1881.

June 18, Barclay V. Head, Honorary Member, December 21, 1881.

July 21, Christian C. Moritz, Associate Member, May 26, 1810.

August 10, William Nelson, Life Member, May 15, 1888.

August 16, Sylvester Sage Crosby, Honorary Member, March 21, 1878.

August 26, Charles C. Dods, Life Member, November 2, 1892.

Member of the Council, January 21, 1811.

September 28, Joseph E. Bay, Member, March 15, 1807.

October 26, J. Hull Browning, Life Member, March 21, 1898.

On March 26th last Mr. Archer M. Huntington presented to the Society a plot of ground adjoining its property on west, having a frontage of fifty feet on 155th Street, and a depth of sixty three feet, eleven inches.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS.

Since the April meeting, the exhibitions on the main floor of the building have been changed from time to time. When this country took an active part in Mexican affairs, making that country a subject of special interest, a representative collection of Mexican coins, medals and decorations was placed in the cases, and kept there until the war in Europe broke out, when a new interest overshadowed Mexico, and the Mexican exhibit was replaced by the current coins, and military decorations of the countries at war, and as each additional country took part, its coins were added to the exhibit until it reached its present stage. Should any other countries become involved, their coins will be added.

The present exhibition of siege coins was put out on the first of this month.

The exhibition of contemporary medallic art, which fills the wall cases has been to a great extent ~~temporary~~ ^{permanently} ~~received~~ ^{received} by Edward W. Sawyer, was received as a loan from Mr. Sawyer. These two large pieces are of especial interest, and I hope that some arrangement can be made to keep them here permanently.

The Society's collection of Indian Peace Medals is also on exhibition. This has been doubled during the last few months through the generosity of twenty-five of our members, who contributed ~~two hundred and sixty dollars~~ ^{\$260} to a fund to be used for that purpose, nearly all of this money has been expended, and the collection still contains but a small proportion of what it should have. These medals come up from time to time, and, if any other members should feel an inclination to add to this fund it would help in filling out an American series of great importance, ^{and} of which a most inadequate representation is in our cases.

The number of visitors has been as follows:-

April, 868; May, 870; June, 306; July, 373; August, 303; September, 540; October, 540; making a total of 3800. During the same months last year there were 2808 visitors, this therefore shows a considerable gain.

The Library Committee

Sir,

I beg to present the following statement of Accessions to the Library during the time 1st April to 21 November (both inclusive), 1914. The term "catalogues" comprises auction and fixed price catalogues:-

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Mr. Hertert E. Morey of Boston, who last season gave 120
mail auction catalogues to complete the Society's set of Morey catalogues,
gave this time his manuscript Catalogue of "United States Store Cards"
229 pages. A similar valuable present is one from the firm in Frankfurt
on the Main, Adolph Hess Successors, who to complete our set of Hess
catalogues, presented the Society with 19 auction catalogues and 41 printed
auction price lists. Mr. Edward Michael of Chicago has been so kind as to
complete the library's set of priced Michael catalogues.

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Duplicates of nine volumes of British Museum catalogues were exchanged for the important nine-volume book by Van der Chijs on the earlier coinage of the Netherlands.

The library now owns all the numismatic catalogues published by the British Museum.

The accessions to the cabinet since the April meeting have been as follows:

- 1212 Coins and Tokens.
- 1347 Medals, Plaques and Decorations.
- 347 Pieces of Paper Money.
- 1 Money weights.
- 6 Blank planchets.
- 1 Pair of Pins and Collar.
- 1 Complete Casting of Chinese Coins.
- 3 Ballots.
- 2 Confederate Bonds.
- 3 Wax Impressions.
- 3 Ribbons.

Making a total of 2132 pieces, against a total of 1155 pieces added to the cabinet during the corresponding months of 1913.

The most notable additions during the summer being the large - Euler Swiss state piece, the gift of Alexander de Villin; 204 Swiss coins from Howland Wood, 18 Art medals from Robert ^{James} Filditz, 7 Indian Peace medals by subscription, 56 medals and decorations from J. Sanford Saltus, 125 pieces ^{and} paper money from Wm. Poillon.

It is also to be noticed, the large number of accessions of paper money, due to the display of this branch of our subject and the consequent interest aroused.

The following donors are as follows:

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*All of which is respectfully
Submitted*

The following amendments to the By-Laws proposed by Messrs. Charles O. Dodd and Henry Russell Browne, which were presented at the meeting of April 17th, were, on motion, adopted:

Chapter II, Section 4. Members of the Society who have served as Members of the Council may be elected Honorary Councilors by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Society. They shall hold office during their membership in the Society, or until again elected members of the Council. Honorary Presidents, Honorary Governors and Honorary Councilors shall have the right of attending all meetings of the Council.

Add the following new chapter?

Chapter VIII.

AWARD OF MEDALS.

The award of any medals, regularly given, from time to time, by this Society, for excellence in any branch of numismatics, literature or art, or for services to the Society, shall be made by the Council on behalf of the Society.

The selection of the recipients of such medals shall be by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Council, provided, that nominations of such recipients be made at a previous meeting and all the members of the Council notified as to the time and place when such nominations are to be voted upon.

Chapter VIII. and IX. changed to IX. and X respectively.

The following amendments to the By-Laws proposed by Mr. Paulen L. Belden were read, and notice given that they would be brought up for action at the December meeting:-

CHAPTER IV. MEMBERSHIP.

Add the following new section:-

Section 7.

Any person contributing ~~Five Thousand~~ Dollars or its equivalent to the funds or collections of the Society shall be entitled Benefactor of the Society.

Change Section 7 to Section 8 and amend to read as follows:-

Any person contributing ~~Five Hundred~~ Dollars or its equivalent to the funds or collections of the Society shall be entitled Patron of the Society.

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The following resolutions were unanimously adopted ~~after~~ a rising vote:—

Whereas, Mr. Charles C. Dodd, a Life Member and Member of the Council of this Society, departed this life on August 26th last.

Whereas, Mr. Dodd became a member on November 21, 1892, has at all times manifested a great interest in the welfare and work of the Society, has devoted much time to its affairs, and by his genial personality has endeared himself to those of its members, with whom he has come in contact.

4/ Therefore be it,

Resolved, That The American Numismatic Society desires to place on record this expression of its deep regret at the loss of so good a friend and member, and its appreciation of all that he has done for it during the past twenty-two years.

Resolved, That a memorial page be set aside in the minutes of the Society, and a copy of these resolutions sent to his family.

The Chairman called attention to the exhibition of the current coins and military decorations of the nations now at war and of the siege and necessity coins.

Mr. Howland Wood read the following paper:—

The forces of the French Revolution had carried the war into Germany. The various small states and Bishoprics along the Rhine put forth every effort to defend their country and drained their resources to about the last notch. Later when they had to pay indemnity or the contributions to the war, the treasuries were exhausted, and it was necessary to ^{take} recourse to extraordinary methods to procure new funds. One means was to take over the silver of the churches, ecclesiastical corporations and of private peoples. The sovereigns themselves set an example in this regard, and they promised to restore the value of the metal after the war. The coins made from these contributions had oftentimes inscriptions stating from whence the metal came. Bamberg, Eichstadt, Frankfurt, Fulda, Mainz, Treves and Wurtzburg struck this indemnity money.

The ^{Latin} inscription on the Mayence piece is interesting. It says, "Struck from the silver ^{vases} of the clergy of Mainz for the sake of their altars and their homes."

The Treves piece says, "Struck from the silver vases given without interest for the service of the country by the clergy and citizens." The portrait of the bishop is on the coin, and, although the times were hard, he did not forget to put all of his titles on the piece. As they are long, naturally they are abbreviated. In full they are as follows: Clement Wenceslaus by the grace of God, Archbishop and Elector of Treves, Bishop of Augsburg, Appointed Prince of Elwanger, Perpetual Administrator of Pruim, Prince Royal of Poland, Duke of Saxony.

The Eichstadt coin has on it the bust and titles of Joseph the Bishop and on the reverse the inscription in Latin. He (the bishop) furnished help to the country in its distress by the gift of the silver vases of his court. It is said 18000 florins' worth of this was struck.

When the French took Frankfurt in 1796 they imposed rather hard conditions on the city for the help they had given the coalition and also on account of the known riches of ^{Frankfurt} the city. A fine of 10,000,000 francs was put on the city independent of requisitions for the army. To meet

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this the city officials took the church and citizens' plate and struck gold ducats and silver thalers. The inscription is in German and says: "Made from the vessels of the Church and townspeople of the city of Frankfurt. The most interesting part of the ducat is the cloud in the sky above the view of the city. Frankfurt had been accustomed to show the view of the city on its coins with a blazing sun or triangle overhead, so this time they expressed their sorrow in giving up this good gold by obscuring the sun.

Struck by Mohammed II shortly after the capture of Constantinople in 1453

The Sovereign of all Greece and Anatolia, Mehmet.

Leyden pieces made from litanies of the catholic church. Being protestant now the people had no use for.

Cattaro.

Poland Rev. of 1831. Ducat made from wedding rings direct copy of the Belgium gold even with the word Belgii on the back. The only way to distinguish this coin is by the small Polish eagle at the top.

Some interesting Tokens showing the Prices of ^{viande} Commodities during the Siege of Paris 1871, given shown. Some of the inscriptions were:

(Potatoes are worth 2 francs a litre and are very scarce.

(A chicken 25-35 fr.

(A fine hen, 40 to 60 fr.

(A Pigeon 5 to 8 fr.

(Fish 20 to 60 fr. a kilo.

(A pike of 3 kilos 100 francs.

(Eggs 1.50 to 2 fr. each

(A cabbage 1 to 3 fr.

✓ A leek 50 centimes.

A head of celery 2 fr.

A dog or a ^{small} leech 20 to 60 fr.

A cat 10 to 20 fr.

and dog meat is supplied by more than 50 stalls in the large market and sells from 5 to 10 fr. a kilo.

A kilo = 2 1/5 lbs.

A litre = about a quart

Remarks were made by Rev. Mr. James I. Nier and Mr. Edward T. Howell, and after some informal discussion the meeting adjourned.

EDWARD T. HOWELL,
Secretary.

New York, December 7, 1914.

A special meeting of The American Numismatic Society was held at 8.30 P. M., Mr. Henry Russell Drown, one of the Governors, presiding.

The Chairman stated that the meeting was called for the discussion and exhibition of decorations and war medals, and the following addresses were made:-

Mr. Belden, on War Medals of the Confederacy, certain war medals made for the Mexican Government of Mexico but never distributed, and several of the decoration awarded to soldiers in the present war.

Mr. J. Sanford Salus, on Decorations of Governments That Might Have Been.

Mr. Fritz V. Helm, formerly of the Danish Royal Navy, on certain decorations of Denmark and other countries.

Remarks were also made by Dr. Kane, Messrs. Farmer, Prockey, Boyd and others.

The Secretary announced that Mr. Daniel Farish, Jr., had fallen and broken his leg on December 1st, and presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:-

Resolved, That the Members of The American Numismatic Society desire to express to their fellow member, and Governor, Mr. Daniel Farish, Jr., their great regret at hearing of his accident, and their hope that he will soon be entirely recovered and able to again attend the meetings of this Society, where he is greatly missed when absent.

The exhibitions were as follows:- Dr. Melvin Stone, twenty eight naval war medals; Mr. David Prockey, Roman medallions, foreign and American war medals and decorations; Mr. Daniel Dwyer, the Mexican Mexican war medals in silver and copper; Mr. Elliott Smith, badges of American Societies of Veterans; Mr. W. C. C. Boyd, a large silver medal of the Mexican war; The American Numismatic Society's collection of decorations and war medals.

December 12th, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Enclosed please find the address of:

Mr. Daniel Parish, Jr., 23 West 17th Street, New York, to San Francisco
Hotel, 74th Street & Central Park West, New York.

Add the following new member:

Rev. William E. Deane, Jr., Trinity Parish, Mount Vernon, New York.

Also take from the list the following:-

Mr. Richard A. Canfield, 523 Madison Avenue, New York.

Mr. Arthur Fatsen, 1743 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, California.

Mr. Charles de Kay, 413 West 23rd Street, New York.

Mr. Willard D. Padlock, 83 Grove Street, New York.

Mr. Temple Bowdoin, 25 Wall Street, New York.

Mrs. Berenice Francis Lanston, 142 East 33rd Street, New York.

Mrs. Eleanor Antoinette Snoden, Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey.

Mrs. Julia Bracken Wendt, 2214 North Sichel Avenue, Los Angeles,

California.

Very truly yours,

n December 17, 1914

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,,
447a State Street,,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kin ly change the address of Mr. E.
H. Smith Hobart, from 310 to 312 Third Street,
Brooklyn, N..Y.

Also take from the list of members,
the name of Mr. Albert Buchman, 11 East 59th
Street, New York..

Very truly yours,

December 21, 1914..

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,.

147 State Street,.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr..Adams:-

Kindly take off of your list of
members of this Society, the name of Mr..
Daniel Parish, Jr., San Remo Hotel, 74th
Street & Central Park West, New York..

Very truly yours,

December 21, 1914..

Mr. Edgar H. Adams.,

447a State Street.,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith the report of the meetings of December 7th and 19th..

As the out of the Society's building was in the December number, put the Society's seal in this number.

Trusting that this will reach you in good season, I am,

Very sincerely yours.,

71 BROADWAY
NEW YORK.

December 21, 1914

Mr. Bauman L. Belden, Director
American Numismatic Society
156th St. West of Broadway, New York City

Dear Mr. Belden:

I have just received "The Electrum Coinage of Lampsakos," by Miss Baldwin. I admire the publication. It is beautifully done, and a credit to the American Numismatic Society.

I suppose this format will be, if it has not already been, adopted for all the publications of the Society. We could hardly do better.

I beg to suggest that the inside page of the last sheet, or of the cover annexed thereto, might be used to list the publications of the Society in their chronological order, as a means of selling any remaining copies of such issues, and perhaps of attracting contributions of monographs in keeping with our educational work.

I note with regret the loss we have sustained in the death of our old member, Mr. Parish.

Very truly yours

Walter S. Bump

December 28, 1914

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Garrett
Chatfield Pier, from Greenwich, Connecticut, to
4613 Drexel Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and
greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Adams & N. 1915
Edna Kenton

January 2nd, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Finally take from the list of members
of this Society, the name of Mr. Thomas Whittaker,
2 Bible House, New York. Mr. Whittaker died a
few days ago.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Mrs. C. E. Johnson,

New York, January 7, 1915.

A special meeting of The American Numismatic Society was held at 8.30 P. M., Mr. Henry Russell Drowne, one of the Governors, presiding..

The Chairman called attention to a plaque of the Order of St. Ferdinand, of Spain, which had just been received as a gift from Mr. William Poillon, and also mentioned a number of decorations and medals presented within the last few days by Mr. J. Sanford Saltus, and which were also on exhibition.

The Chairman then introduced Mr. Thomas L. Elder who read the following paper:-

SOME PHASES AND NEEDS OF AMERICAN NUMISMATICS.

It was moved, and carried, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. Elder for his most interesting and instructive paper..

On motion adjourned.

Bauman L. Belden, Secretary.

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No. 100

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst.

Yours truly,
J. H. Smith

January 12, 1914.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Hon. James
W. Ellsworth, from 18 East 53rd Street, to
12 East 69th Street, New York, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

January 14th, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,,
447a State Street,,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly add the following two names to the list of
members of this Society:-

Mr. Jennings Hood, c/o The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania..

Mr. Herbert Seoville, 62 Cedar Street, New York..

Very truly yours,,

July 13, 1945

Mr. [unclear]

Please find

the copy of my report returned
now as possible

Yours

[unclear] H. A. Sams

January 20, 1915.

Mr..E. H. Adams,.

447a State Street,.

Brooklyn, N. Y..

Dear Mr..Adams:-

I enclose herewith the report of the proceedings
of the annual meeting, which I trust will reach you
in good season..

Very truly yours,.

U January 21st, 1915..

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of the following:

Rev. William H. Owens, Jr., from Trinity Parish, Mt. Vernon, New York, to
Trinity Rectory, Mt. Vernon, New York.

Also take off of the list of members of this Society, the following:-

Mr. George R. Dyer, 36 Wall Street, New York.

Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, National City Bank, New York.

Mr. John E. Parson, 30 East 36th Street, New York.

Mr. Alfred B. Jacobs, 1601 Polk Street, San Francisco, California.

Mr. J. B. Tyrrell, 534 Confederation Life Chambers, Toronto, Canada.

Mr. J. W. Bothwell, 395 Lafayette Street, New York.

Mrs. William J. Buzby, 539 West 156th Street, New York.

Very truly yours,.

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Jan. 23, 1915.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am sending two sets of proofs of the Society's report. Keep one for your own use and return the other at your very earliest convenience, as I am beginning to get behind.

The other ~~proof~~ proof was received, and the necessary changes will be made in the Society's page.

It will not be necessary to return the original copy, which I am forwarding in another envelope.

Sincerely yours,



January 30th., 1915..

Mr..Edgar H..Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr..Adams:-

Kindly add to the list of members of this Society, the following:-

Mr..Frederick H..Baton, 165 Broadway, New York..

Mr..F. W. Hoffstad, 30 Broad Street, New York.

Mr. John Sherman Hoyt, 101 East 65th Street, New York..

Mr. Howard R. Stettinius, 111 Broadway, New York..

Very truly yours,

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447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Feb. 4, 1915.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am inclosing check for one dollar in payment for five copies each of The Numismatist for January and May, 1914, which you recently had forwarded to me.

Thanking you very much for your courtesy, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams.

February 5th, 1918.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,,
117 1/2 State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Your letter of February 3th with check for one dollar for the ten copies of the Manifesto sent you a while ago, came to hand this morning, and for which please accept thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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EDGAR H. ADAMS, EDITOR

447A STATE STREET

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Feb. 19, 1915.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Your favor of the 18th just received, and have immediately taken up the matter of indexes with Mr. Stowell.

You should receive these within a few days. I would appreciate if you would let me know when you receive them.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

February 27, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams:

447a State Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I take pleasure in notifying you that the
Governors have appointed you a Member of the Committee on
United States Coins for the current year, of which Mr.
William H. Woodin, 165 Broadway, New York, is Chairman,
and Mr. J. S. C. Boyd, the other member.

Trusting that this will be agreeable to you,

I am.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

February 27th, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,

447a State Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly add to the list of members of this Society, the following:-

Mr. Frank C. Roe, 5 East 33rd Street, New York.

Mr. James A. Byrne, c/o Colonial Bank, Broadway & 103rd Street,
New York.

Also the change of address of

Mr. Chester Beach from 9 Macdougall Alley, New York, to 207 East
17th Street, New York.

Also take from the list the name of

Dr. W. R. Martin, The Alexander Hamilton, 581 West 161st Street,
New York.

Very sincerely yours,

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BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

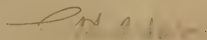
March 9, 1915.

Dear Mr. Belden:

Your notification of my appointment as a member of the
Committee of United States Coins for 1915 received.

I will be glad to serve, and thank you for the honor of
appointing me.

Sincerely yours,



March 11, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr..Adams:-

Please change the address of Mr. Charles
H..Imhoff,,from Hopewell, New Jersey, to 135
West 79th Street, New York, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

March 18th, 1918.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,

247 1/2 South Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Will you kindly change the address of Mr.

Francis Reit-Wheeler, from 441 West 113th Street,
New York, to 669 Washington Avenue, Rutherford, N.
J., and oblige,

Yours very truly,

March 25th, 1915

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,

447a State Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Will you please send the following list of names to the members
of the Society:-

Mr. Harry K. Knapp, 34 East 35th Street, New York.

Mr. E. William Knapp, 44 West 4th Street, New York.

Dr. Frederick Walling, 10 West 7th Street, New York.

Mr. William Knapp, 101 West 1st Street, New York.

Mr. Fred E. Knapp, 741 Harvard Street, Cambridge, New York.

Mr. E. E. Knapp, 22 West Street, Cambridge, New York.

Also take from the list the name of

Rev. Mark T. White, Tennessee, Illinois, Ohio.

By so doing you will greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

April 1st, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. L. J.
Woolsey, from 33 Vick Street, Rochester, New
York, to 33 Vick Park A, Rochester, New York,
and oblige,

Yours very truly,

April 15th, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,

447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly add to the list of ^{associate} members of this Society, the following names:-

Mr. Edward F. Curry, Railway Exchange Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. B. Ortmann, MacCormick Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Otis H. Cutler, 30 Church Street, New York.

Mr. Marcus Hartley Dodge, 399 Broadway, New York.

Mr. William G. Pearce, 30 Church Street, New York.

Mr. H. E. Westinghouse, 165 Broadway, New York.

Mr. Max Schulman, Keizerstraat 448, Amsterdam, Holland.

Mr. Harry P. Williams, 527 Deming Place, Chicago, Illinois.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very truly yours,

P. S. Also kindly change the name of Life Member, Mrs. Collis P. Huntington, to Mrs. H. W. Huntington.

April 24th, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Philip
J. Mosenthal from 95 William Street, New York
to 1 Liberty Street, New York, and greatly
oblige,

Yours very truly,

May 20th, 1915..

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith our contribution to the June Numismatist.. It is not very long this time, but I could not get Mr. Pryer's paper, or even a synopsis of it.

As the Society's seal was in the May number, it might be well to put the building in this time.

Very sincerely yours,

New York, May 6, 1915.

A special meeting of The American Numismatic Society was held at 8.30 P. M., Mr. Henry Russell Drowne, one of the Governors presiding.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Charles Pryer, who read a paper on Heraldry and its relation to history and numismatics.

It was moved, and unanimously carried, that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. Pryer for his most interesting lecture.

On motion, adjourned.

Bauman L. Belden,

Secretary.

There has been placed on exhibition, in the museum of The American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 156th Street, a most interesting collection of what are known as Indian Peace Medals..

These medals were given to Indian chiefs, or men of importance, by, or on behalf of, the Presidents of the United States, from Washington to Benjamin Harrison, with the exception of William Henry Harrison, who died a little over a month after his inauguration and issued no Indian medals.. In most cases the medals are issued in more than one size, the more important Indian getting the larger medal..

The medals are of silver. The Indians value them very highly and wear them on all ceremonial occasions. They are therefore hard to obtain, and the collection on exhibition is the result of many years spent in search of genuine specimens.

The first and most remarkable medal is entirely engraved by hand, on an oval plate of silver, five by seven inches in size, representing an Indian chief starting to smoke a calumet, or pipe of peace, which he has just received from General Washington, who stands with his right hand outstretched. A man, plowing, in the background, is also em-

blematic of peace, below is the inscription, GEORGE WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT 1793, and on the reverse the arms of the United States.

Beginning with John Adams the medals bear the profile bust of the president with his name, title and year of inauguration, with the exception of Lincoln, which is dated the year following his inauguration, and Grant which bears neither name nor date. The reverse, from John Adams to Zachary Taylor consists of the hand of a soldier clasping the hand of an Indian, above a tomahawk and calumet crossed, inscription PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP.

Millard Fillmore adopted a new reverse, a pioneer and an Indian standing facing each other, with the U. S. flag as a background and the inscription LABOR VIRTUE HONOR. This reverse was also used on the medals of Franklin Pierce.

The reverse of the medals of James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln bears an inner circle within which is a representation of an Indian plowing, and outside of which is one Indian relieving another of his scalp, also the symbols of war and peace. ~~The medal of Lincoln bears the date 1862, the year following his inauguration.~~

The reverse of the medal of Andrew Johnson represents America and an Indian chief clasping hands in front of a monument surmounted by a bust of Washington, and bearing the word PEACE.

Grant issued a medal entirely different in appearance, and with many symbols of prosperity and peace.

The medals of Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison are oval in shape and depict on the reverse a pioneer and an Indian in amicable conversation. There is also a round medal of Benjamin Harrison showing scenes from the life of the Indian and the farmer.

The oval medals of the five presidents last mentioned are lacking in the collection, which contains the round medal of Benjamin Harrison and from one to three medals of

each of the other presidents. They vary from two to three inches in diameter, and Each one has been actually owned and worn by an Indian and some have been preserved through several generations..

May 28th, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,

447a State Street,

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

Kindly change the address of Mr. Edward D. Stock, associate member of this Society, from 118 North Dearborn Street, to 118 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Also take from the list the following who are deceased:-

Mr. Edward D. Stock, 1600 Madison Avenue, New York.

Mr. Charles Bradley, 30 Broadway, New York.

Mr. Henry A. Randall, P. O. Box 814, Yokohama, Japan.

If you have Mr. Archer H. Huntington's address as 1083 Fifth Avenue, I think it would be well to make it 15 East 114th Street, New York.

Mr. George Bird Grinnell, 177 Franklin Street, New York, has moved to 232 East 15th Street, New York.

Very truly yours,

July 19th, 1915.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
447a State Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I enclose herewith this Society's registration to the August
Constitutional.

I have been in town since Saturday, and have tried several
times to get you on the phone, but without success. I am going
back to the country tomorrow morning.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

July 28th, 1915.

Dear Adams:-

I find that we already have a cheque made out for the Humanist, but do not find your bill. Will you please make out another receipt.

Very truly,

Howland Wood,

Edgar H. Adams

Correspondence

from

file

EDGAR H. ADAMS

5056 BROADWAY

NEW YORK. - N. Y.

TEL. 8831 AUDUBON

March 20, 1916.

Dear Mr. Belden:

I am inclosing my check for \$17.40, on account of the Catalogue of Quadras y Ramon (#15) and the two volumes of The Numismatist, 1914 and 1915, at 10 cents a copy (\$2.40)-- 17.40.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams.

EDGAR H. ADAMS

5056 BROADWAY

NEW YORK, - N. Y.

TEL. 8831 AUDUBON

March 21, 1916.

Dear Mr. Selden:

I have just will passed me for not realizing before this in regard to my appointment as a member of this year's United States Film Committee, but I overlooked it.

I will be pleased to serve on the committee.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

January 4th, 1917.

To the Committee on United States Coins.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
5086 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Annual Meeting of The American Numismatic Society will be held Saturday afternoon, January 20th, at which, according to our By-Laws Chapter VI, Article 3, the Chairman of your Committee will be called upon to present a report in writing concerning the activities of your Committee. This Annual Meeting is the first one since the inauguration of the new regime. We therefore wish to make the meeting an eminently satisfactory one to our entire membership. Nothing can be accomplished without the whole hearted co-operation of all.

The staff in the Society's building have devoted their energies and time to the furtherance of the Society's affairs and interests. The Society now looks forward to receiving a report of your Committee.

Seven months ago at the Spring general meeting of Committees, minute books and suggestions were furnished each Committee. If you have nothing definite to report, refer to your minute book and at least give us a digest of your minutes and discussions. Perhaps your report has already been drawn up. In any case we would ask you to hand it in not later than the thirteenth of the month in order that we may be aided in the arrangement of the programme of the Annual Meeting.

If you are the Chairman of your Committee, please turn your attention to this matter at once as it is imperative that a written report be presented at the coming meeting.

February 28th, 1917.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
Member, Committee on United States Coins,
5056 Broadway,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

In view of the fact that this past year was one of new conditions and problems, the work of the Committee on United States Coins was of importance. Much more may be expected in the future with a competent chairman at the head of this committee. With the ground more or less completed, we can now look forward to the more active and important work that lies ahead of us, and which will call for energetic but highly interesting and valuable activity on the part of the several committees. We feel certain that you are the most able person in your particular line. To assist you as much as possible it has seemed best this year not to appoint your fellow members at once, but ask you to name several members of this Society whom you feel reasonably assured will be of real assistance to you in the coming year. May I ask you to let me hear from you with respect to suggested names as soon as possible in order that we may eliminate any duplication that may arise among the several committees, and write to the appointees before the special meeting of the committees, which will in all probability be called for March 24th. Please make a note of this date as there should be as full a meeting as possible of all the members of all the committees.

Yours very truly,

President.

March 20th, 1917.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
5056 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The other members of the Committee on Latin America, of which you are Chairman, have now been officially notified of their appointment.

A meeting of all the members of all the committees is hereby called for three o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, March 31st.

As Chairman of your committee will you please make a special effort to attend as it is desirable to talk over the approaching activities of our Society in the various fields covered by the Standing Committees.

Very truly yours,

President.

March 20th, 1917.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
5056 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The other members of the Committee on United States
Coins, of which you are Chairman, have now been officially
notified of their appointment.

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President.

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5056 Broadway,
New York.

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Very truly yours,

President.

November 19th, 1917.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
Box 133,
Station L,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

At the meeting on Saturday the question was raised as to the name of the Committee, of which you are Chairman, specially appointed last year. In the minutes it is called the Committee on the Gold Coins of South America. Is it your impression that the limitation was to the gold coinage only ?

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

EDGAR H. ADAMS
5056 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, ~~N. Y.~~
TEL. 9007 ST. NICHOLAS

Bayville, N. Y.,

Nov. 26, 1917.

Mr. Sydney P. Nee,
Secretary American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nee:

In reply to your letter of the 19th, which has just reached me, after a good deal of delay, it is my impression that the committee referred to embraced a much wider field than just the gold coins. I think it was the purpose of having a committee that would take charge of all the coinage of Latin America. I regret that I have been unable to take an active part in numismatic matters recently, but hope to be able to do more in the future. While I have not done much in the way of a formal report, as a committee, still I have not been entirely idle with respect to the Latin American coinages, but have accumulated quite a good deal of information which I hope to be able to put in compact form one of these days.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar H. Adams

December 10th, 1917.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
Dayville,
New York.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

As Chairman of the Committee on the Coins of Latin America and of the United States, may I remind you that a report of each of your Committees is to be presented at the Annual Meeting on January 12th. This is a week earlier than last year - hence this reminder. We desire to make special effort to have the Proceedings printed as nearly on time as may be. May I ask that you have your reports in shape for immediate printing as soon as they have been presented and approved?

Yours respectfully,

Secretary.

EDGAR H. ADAMS

BOX 133, STATION L.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Jan. 15, 1918.

Mr. Sydney P. Nee,
Secretary The American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nee:

I regret very much that I made a mistake in the date of the meeting of the Society, and was unable to be present at the annual meeting. I had thought it was for next Saturday. I made out a report for the Latin American committee and forwarded a copy of it to Mr. Williams of Chicago, but up to this time have not received it again. The latter said he was willing to sign the report, but I am not sure about Mr. Brand, and I do not know if he accepted the appointment on the committee. I asked Mr. Williams to refer the report to him, and ask if he desired his name to be added. So please do with the names as you deem best.

In the event that this committee is to be continued, I would suggest the name of Mr. Waldo Newcomer of Baltimore as a member of it. He is greatly interested in the subject, and I have no doubt he will serve.

I have been trying to make a visit to the Society, and a few weeks ago did get as far as the Hispanic Society building, which I entered to get some information in the library regarding the coinage of Colombia, and became so interested that when I was through it was time to go home.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

January 19th, 1918.

Mr. Edgar H. Adams,
P. O. Box 133, Station I,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

I have your letter of the 15th, and you are certainly the last one I should have expected to do anything like this. The report has gone to the Numismatist however, and will appear in due course.

I can not emphasize too heavily our chagrin and hurt feelings that you should have neglected us in favor of the Hispanic Society. You missed seeing some fine coins in the Morgan loan collection. I note what you say regarding Mr. Newcomer, and will see what can be done.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

EDGAR H. ADAMS

BOX 133, STATION L.

BROOKLYN. N. Y.

Feb. 9, 1918.

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
President American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:

Your favor of Feb. 5th, informing me of my appointment to the Committees on United States Coinage and that of Latin America, received.

I willingly accept both appointments and thank you for the honor. You may be assured that I shall personally do everything possible to forward the interests of the Society.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Ed Adams

January 12, 1920

Edgar H. Adams, Esq.
40 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

On one of your recent visits, you indicated to me, if I remember correctly, that you would be willing to have your name proposed as a Fellow. A vacancy has just occurred through a resignation-- shall I bring it up at the next meeting of the Council?

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

40 Fourth Ave.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Jan. 19, 1920.

Mr. Sydney F. Nee,
Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Nee:

Pardon me for not replying earlier to your
favor of the 12th.

I will be glad to have you bring up the mat-
ter of my name being proposed at the next meeting, as you suggest.
Many thanks for your kind remembrance.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. D. Howells

February 4, 1920

Edgar H. Adams, Esq.
40 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Council held on Monday, you were unanimously elected a Fellow of The American Hellenic Society.

I am very glad to think of you as one of our Fellows, and I hope I shall have the pleasure of seeing you when you are next in this neighborhood.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

*Bill to
see release*

40 Fourth ave.,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Feb. 6, 1920.

Mr. Sydney P. Lee,
Secretary, Am. Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lee:

your kind letter of the 4th,
notifying me of my election as a Fellow of the Society,
received. Please accept my thanks for the interest
you have taken. I will be very glad to visit the
Society, whenever I have the opportunity.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Adams

P.S. - I am enclosing \$10.00 to assist in the purchase of
my dues.

February 9, 1920

Mr. Edgar H. Adams
40 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

I should like to have a talk with you as soon as possible. If you cannot conveniently arrange to come to the Society before Friday of this week, will you kindly call me on the telephone, say tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday) at 4 o'clock, or Thursday any time during the day. I expect to be away Friday and Saturday and also tomorrow morning.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

August 26th, 1920

Mr. Edgar M. Adams,
48 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Adams:

Will you kindly let me know the number of copies of your Private Gold Coinage of California that you have on hand, and what you are accustomed to ask per copy? Also, do you sell the parts separately; and, if so, at what rate? I think you told me this once, but I want the information for our files.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

EM/E

Box 320, Oyster Bay, N. Y.,
Sept. 9, 1920.

Dear Mr. Nee:

In reply to your favor of the 26th of August, I beg
to state that I have about twenty of the bound books of the Private
Gold Coinage, for which I ask \$5 each. I also have the separate
^(at 81 cents) numbers except the last part, or Part V., which is the introduction of
the bound book. Only a hundred copies were printed, and they are all
disposed of.

Sincerely yours,

E. A. Adams

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October 11th, 1920.

Edgar H. Adams, Esq.,
Box 320,
Oyster Bay, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:-

In response to your letter of September 9th would you consider a proposition to ship four of your No. 8 for an equal number of parts of No. 8? This would have the advantage of giving an additional number of full sets to each of us. What would you think the net amount to be worth - I understand your charge of five dollars is for the bound copies.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

Feb 27th

Barren Coast

6 Adams - Hooker Patton book
on memo - see m. Hook
to Edgar H. Adams

Box 133

Station L.

Bligh Bay

Adams, Edgar H.
1923-24

Letters prior to 1923 taken out

EDGAR H. ADAMS
BAYVILLE, N. Y.

April 18, 1923.

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Wood:

Will you oblige me with sending four copies of the
Pattern Book to me here in Bayville, N. Y.?

I have had an order with the binder for some time,
but the copies have not been delivered.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Ed Adams.

Parake post

4/19/23 Rush

April 20th, 1923

Edward D. Adams, Esq.
598 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Adams:

You will no doubt be interested in learning of the present status of the remarkable collection of Indian Peace Medals, towards whose purchase you so generously promised a check for \$250.

As a result of some twenty-five letters similar to the one sent you, we have to date received over \$600 in actual cash. The matter was thoroughly discussed at the last meeting of the Council. The great importance of the acquisition of this collection was immediately recognized, and four members gladly guaranteed the needed amount. I was instructed to open negotiations again with the owner, and was successful in purchasing the collection for \$1,800 instead of the \$2,000 previously asked.

If you feel that in the guaranteeing of the necessary amount by four members of the Council, the terms of your promised check have been met, it would give us great pleasure to receive it. In the meanwhile, now that time has been gained by the actual purchase of the collection, a general letter is being sent out to all of the members of the Society asking for their support in the acquisition of so important a collection.

The medals are now on exhibition at the Society, and it would be a great pleasure to have you inspect them the next time you pass by.

Very truly yours,

ETN/E

President

January 10th, 1924

Negar H. Adams, Esq.
Bayville, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Mr. Wood has asked me to reply to your letter to him regarding the Pattern Book.

Thank you for ordering ten copies. These are being sent to you at Brooklyn, under separate cover, and I am enclosing memorandum for same.

In response to your question, we have 122 additional copies. I believe that an offer to take this remainder at a reduced price will be considered by the Council - even an offer of Two Dollars a copy. In fact, I think an offer of \$200 for the 122, leaving 22 copies for our future use, would receive favorable action from the Council.

Would you care to consider making such a proposition? If so, I would suggest that you telephone us tomorrow morning, so that the matter could be presented at the Council meeting which is to be held at 4 p.m.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPW/E
Enc.

April 20th, 1923

Edward D. Adams, Esq.
598 Madison Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Adams:

You will no doubt be interested in learning of the present status of the remarkable collection of Indian Peace Medals, towards whose purchase you so generously promised a check for \$250.

As a result of some twenty-five letters similar to the one sent you, we have to date received over \$600 in actual cash. The matter was thoroughly discussed at the last meeting of the Council. The great importance of the acquisition of this collection was immediately recognized, and four members gladly guaranteed the needed amount. I was instructed to open negotiations again with the owner, and was successful in purchasing the collection for \$1,800 instead of the \$2,000 previously asked.

If you feel that in the guaranteeing of the necessary amount by four members of the Council, the terms of your promised check have been met, it would give us great pleasure to receive it. In the meanwhile, now that time has been gained by the actual purchase of the collection, a general letter is being sent out to all of the members of the Society asking for their support in the acquisition of so important a collection.

The medals are now on exhibition at the Society, and it would be a great pleasure to have you inspect them the next time you pass by.

Very truly yours,

ETH/E

President

EDGAR H. ADAMS
BAYVILLE, N. Y.

Jan. 8, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Wood:

Will you please send me ten copies of the Pattern Book to No. 40 Fourth Ave., Brooklyn, as soon as convenient? You made me a price of \$2.25 per copy the last time. Kindly send me the bill to Bayville. How many more copies have you? I have a number of copies with the binder, but he is so slow that I do not know when to expect them.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams

Recd Jan. 10

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*Bill sent 1/15/24
January 15, 1924*

January 10th, 1924

Edgar H. Adams, Esq.
Bayville, N.Y.

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Secretary

SPN/E
Enc.

EDGAR H. ADAMS
BAYVILLE, N. Y.

Jan. 16, 1924.

Mr. Sydney P. Moe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moe:

I have just received a bill for \$22.50 on account of the ten copies of the Pattern Book which I received the other day. Wasn't it understood that the 110 copies would be sold at the rate of \$1.75 per copy in our talk over the 'phone? If I am mistaken, please return the bill, which I am inclosing. If not, kindly make out the bill for 110 copies and forward to me here at Bayville.

Sincerely yours,

Edgar Adams

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January 26th, 1924

Edgar H. Adams, Esq.
Bayville, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Replying to yours of the 16th, I am sending a bill for the 110 copies of your book which includes the ten delivered to you. The bill which you returned with your letter was dated the 10th, while the arrangement which was made with you did not take place until the 12th.

I am very glad that you put through this proposition; as I explained to you, the funds are needed for library binding.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN/E
Enc.

EDGAR H. ADAMS

BAYVILLE, N. Y.

Feb. 13, 1924.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Noe:

Please find enclosed my check for \$14.50, in settlement for the 110 Pattern Books.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

E. H. Adams.

February 14th, 1924

Edgar H. Adams, Esq.
Bayville, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thank you for your cheque which came
this morning, and which is to be applied
immediately for the library binding we need.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

EDGAR H. ADAMS
BAYVILLE, N. Y.

March 18, 1924.

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Wood:

Many thanks for the photo. of the 1862 Ecuador 4
Reales. It is a most interesting piece, and I am glad to have a record of
it.

Sincerely yours,

E H Adams.

New York Wednesday March 19

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EDGAR H. ADAMS
BAYVILLE, N. Y.

Jan. 20, 1930.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, at West 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I herewith present my resignation from your
society.

Respectfully yours,

Edgar H. Adams.

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Dec. 24, 1930

Edgar H. Adams, Esq.
Bayville, L. I.
New York

Dear Mr. Adams:

The accompanying order has been sent to us and as we have no further copies of your book on hand I am forwarding it to you. The same firm on another order number, under date of November 20th, asked for a copy of this work of yours and we referred them to you as possibly able to furnish it. I am explaining this in the event that you have since then heard from them, because it seems to me that this order which I am now sending you can hardly have been a substitute for the other. This firm is one which deals in numismatic books, as I presume you know, and I think they are dependable. The fifteen percent discount for which they ask is what we are accustomed to allow to dealers.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.